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From left, Northern Pacific Airways CEO Rob Mckinney, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig pose in front of the B757-200 aircraft that will soon be used to serve the CNMI’s own home-based international airline, Northern Marianas Airways. The airline was officially introduced to members of the public yesterday afternoon with a tour of the over 180-seater aircraft, the same model that will be used as the airlines’ daily driver once it officially launches flights.
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GUBERNATORIAL TOWN HALL FORUM

‘Investing ARPA money in economy, bringing in investors will prevent furloughs’

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REPORTER

» Torres says MVA approves Australia as new source of tourists

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), said Wednesday that investing the CNMI’s share of the American Rescue Plan Act money in the economy and bringing in airlines and investors will prevent furloughs for CNMI workers.

This was one of the many points the two emphasized during their scheduled appearance at the three-day Gubernatorial Town Hall Forum organized by the Northern Marianas College at the American Memorial Park Theater Wednesday night. Torres and Sablan are running

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CCC wants IPI to pay over $25M

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission has asked the court to find Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC incompliant pursuant to a previous commission order, essentially requiring the casino investor to pay over $25 million—in full.

CCC, through assistant attorney general Keisha Blaise, recently filed a petition for enforcement of a Commonwealth Casino Commission Order 2021-002. Specifically, CCC wants the court to enter an order finding that IPI did not comply with the commission order, and that $25,252,570 is now due in full to the CCC, with interest.

Commission Order 2021-002 was issued after the Superior Court affirmed previous CCC consolidated orders dating back to 2020 suspending IPI’s exclusive casino license

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House overrides Torres’ veto of PSYPACT bill

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The House of Representatives on Tuesday unanimously voted to override Gov. Ralph DLG Torres’ veto of a bill that proposes to have the CNMI join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, or PSYPACT, to improve and expand access to mental health care services for CNMI residents.

All 19 House members present voted “yes” to the motion to override the governor’s veto on House Bill 22-80. Roy Ada (R-Saipan) was absent and was excused from the session.

During the discussions, Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan), who is the main author of the legislation, said the bill unanimously passed

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Marianas School Pride encourages students to lead beautification efforts

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By MONICA SANCHEZ
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Monica Sanchez is a school counselor and earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Phoenix in October 2015. Before her role now, Sanchez was a teacher/teacher aide for the kindergarten to sixth-grade levels at the Tinian Elementary School.

When students step onto their campus in the mornings, the first thing they see is the main entrance of the school building. Imagine how they’d

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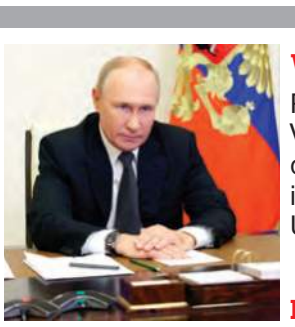

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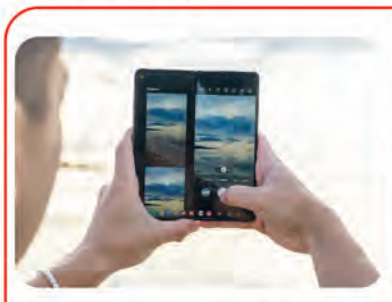

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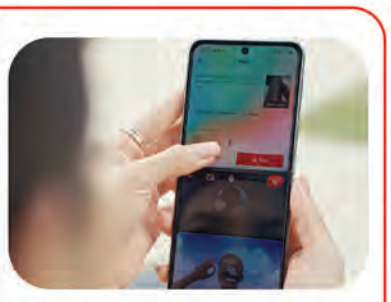

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- Purpose: To perform vegetation line clearing near/around the primary lines along Kannat Tabla Drive.
- Water well(s) affected: None
- Wastewater facility affected: None

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Scheduled water service interruption for Chalan Tun Antonio Apa Road, Chalan Tun Doi Road and portions of As Perdido

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers on Chalan Tun Antonio Apa Road, Chalan Tun Doi Road and portions of As Perdido.

This will allow CUC water operators to replace and repair an inoperable Pressure Reducing Valve on Chalan Tun Antonio Apa Road near the Northern Marianas College in Fina Sisu. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

Scheduled water service interruption in portions of Kagman 3

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm in portions of Kagman 3, specifically for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers located in Pine Drive, Lalanghita Road, Chopak Drive, Dyer Fig Street, Sour Plum Street, Puteng Road, Ladda Street and Iron Wood Street.

This will allow CUC water operators to replace and repair an inoperable Pressure Reducing Valve behind the Kagman High School. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

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‘USPS initial 25-year lease was only $1 a year’

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The U.S. Postal Services 25-year lease of a public land in Chalan Kanoa cost only a dollar per year, according to Department of Public Lands Secretary Sixto K. Igisomar.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*’s inquiries about the lease, Igisomar said Wednesday that the basic term of the U.S. Postal Service’s lease of the Chalan Kanaoa property was for a period of 25 years and was signed on July 9, 1997, with an option to extend/renew for an additional 15 years, which the U.S. Postal Service has now chosen to exercise, “hence it’s extended/renewed for another 15 years.”

In response to follow-up questions, Igisomar said yesterday that the 25-year lease expired last July 19, but the U.S. Postal Service exercised its option for extension/renewal for 15 years.

Igisomar

Igisomar said the initial rental since inception and as previously negotiated was only $1each year.

DPL has already expressed support for the U.S. Postal Services’ request to extend the lease by another 15 years.

In his letter dated Sept. 21, 2022, to Diana Alvarado, who is the U.S. Postal Services contracting officer, Igisomar said that they support the request, provided that the 15-year extension is approved by the CNMI Legislature.

He said DPL’s Real Estate Division will prepare a draft extension agreement and first amendment to lease agreement and that they will be contacting the Postal Service when it is ready for review.

Manglona says Rota Resort essentially abandoned

File photo of Rota Resort and Country Club. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Rota Resort and Country Club appears in recent past to have been essentially abandoned, with its furniture being offered for sale at bargain-basement prices and its golf course left unmaintained.

Manglona

Manglona on Tuesday requested Public Lands Secretary Sixto K. Igisomar to provide him a copy of DPL’s grant for leasehold use of property by JMSH LLC, which does business as Rota Resort and Country Club. The senator said he, along with other lawmakers, wants to review the leasehold agreement.

Manglona, in his letter to Igisomar, said that recent advertising indicates that the Rota Resort outlook appears to be so dire that the resort’s furniture/fixtures are for sale at bargain prices.

He said the golf course has degraded as its fairways and greens have been left wholly unattended and overgrown.

The senator said he recently had the opportunity to meet and confer with Rota Resort’s president/chief executive officer Hee Cho in Guam, during which they talked about the resort’s dismal physical condition and perpetual inactivity of the hotel, restaurant, and golf course. He said Cho and his subordinates have no plans in the horizon to revive the resort.

Manglona said he is wondering if the lease agreement might contain any provisions requiring the resort owner/management to operate and maintain the resort’s premises, golf course, restaurant, and other amenities, to a standard reasonably expected of similar resorts.

Alternatively, Manglona wants to know whether the lease agreement provides for cancellation, modification, or termination of the lease in the event of Rota Resort’s unwillingness or inability to adhere to such reasonable standards.

Additionally, perhaps the lease agreement provides for prospective waiver or deferment of the resort’s lease payments in the event of tourism arrival diminution, in the wake of typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu, and the COVID-19 pandemic, Manglona said.

He said he wants to know if the lease agreement also provides that DPL or the CNMI offer incentives to the resort for resumption of normal operations.

Prayer to the HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit thou who makes me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. AMEN.

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1st CNMI-based international airline unveiled to public

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The first CNMI-based international airline, Northern Marianas Airways, was officially introduced to members of the public yesterday afternoon with a tour of a Boeing 757-200 aircraft, the same type of aircraft that will be used as the airlines' daily driver once it officially launches flights.

MP Enterprises, represented by its president, Keith Stewart, in collaboration with Northern Pacific Airways' CEO Rob McKinney, flew in a B757-200 aircraft last Wednesday to give CNMI stakeholders a sneak peek yesterday into the actual aircraft Northern Marianas Airways will soon have as its workhorse.

The Boeing 757-200 aircraft sported 16 business class seats, 36 premium economy seats and 129 economy seats.

With the aircraft on Saipan, Stewart said the newly established airline is looking into getting slots, working on rounds, and basically get the airline up and running

"We've been talking for two and half years about creating the international airline. Now, by bringing the aircraft in and partnering with Northern Pacific, we're going to be able to really show the community that we're for real and not only did we start Marianas Southern Airways, but we now have kickstarted an international airline," he said.

As for when the airline will actually launch its first flight, Stewart said MP Enterprises is looking at the first or second quarter of 2023.

"Our first planes will fly about 18 to 20 flights a week and we're extremely excited," he said.

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for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the Republican Party, in the Nov. 8 general elections. They were last tandem featured in the forum as the two other pairs of candidates appeared on the first two days. NMC hosted the event in collaboration with the Associated Students of NMC.

When asked how do they intend to confront the likelihood of a second wave of furloughs for CNMI workers given the expiration of ARPA funds, Torres said that, with Hyatt Regency Saipan, Crowne Plaza Resort, new airlines, and all these investors coming in, that will prevent furloughs because there are more opportunities for investment in the CNMI.

The governor said that creating a strong and vibrant economy is key in order for the workforce to continue to have opportunities.

He said his administration spends ARPA money with understanding that tourism is vital to the economy, which is why the administration is investing so much to revive the Japanese market and continue to bring in the Japanese and Korean markets.

He said he is proud of the Marianas Visitors Authority as it just approved Australia as another destination source of tourists for the CNMI.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres delivers his closing statement as his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), listens during the Gubernatorial Town Hall Forum at the American Memorial Park Theater Wednesday night. Also in the photo, from left to right on the table, are moderators Northern Marianas College School of Education associate professor Dr. Beylul Solomon and NMC Language and Humanities assistant professor Adam Walsh, Associated Students of NMC senator Bonnie Gio Sagana, and ASNMC secretary Daryll De Luna. Torres and Sablan are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the Republican Party in the Nov. 8 general election.

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The governor said he is also looking forward to perhaps seeing other sources of tourists, like the Philippines and Vietnam.

Torres said it is not just tourists that will come in, but also investors. "So by growing the economy, we're able to then grow the workforce," he said.

Torres said he and Sablan will continue to direct resources to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

He said for the first time in CNMI history, there are three institutions—NMTech, Northern Marianas College, and the Public School System—coming together and addressing the workforce.

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the House and the Senate with strong support expressed by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Community Guidance Center, licensed psychologist in the private sector, the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, and other advocates. Sablan said they expressed their support in oral and written testimony at multiple public meetings.

"We passed this bill…because we recognized the serious mental health crisis that is facing our community, especially in light of multiple and traumatic typhoon disasters and the far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic," she said.

Sablan said that mental health providers have recounted having tremendous caseloads and lengthy wait times for people who really need help.

While working to build local capacity in the CNMI, Sablan said there is an avenue available to the CNMI right now through PSYPACT that would make it easier for licensed providers and other jurisdictions that are members of PSYPACT to provide services through tele-psychology, as well as through temporary 30-day licenses for in-person practice, if an authorized psychologist travels to the CNMI.

Torres vetoed House Bill 22-80 last month, citing a lack of information about its costs to administer. He said that, although he supports the Legislature's initiative to improve and expand mental health care within the CNMI, there is a financial commitment to joining the PSYPACT which will coordinate the efforts of the participating jurisdictions to provide and regulate psychology services.

The House passed the bill last April 27 without amendments. The Senate passed it without amendments last July 22.

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for failure to comply with a number of duties and responsibilities as stated in its license agreement.

The court affirmed CCC's orders suspending IPI's license back in March 15, 2022.

Commission Order 2021-0022 imposed a number of penalties on IPI due to its incompliance and ordered the following:

a. The suspension of IPI's casino license to conduct gaming activities for a period of six months from the effective date of the order and penalties of $100,000 within one month of the effective date of the order;

b. Indefinite suspension of IP's casino license to conduct gaming activities until IPI has paid the annual license fee of $15,502,570 in full and immediately upon the effective date of the order and penalties in the amount of $1.5 million within six months of the effective date of the order;

c. Indefinite suspension of IPI's casino license to conduct gaming activities until IPI is in complete compliance with Commission Order 2020-003 and penalties in the amount $1,500,000 within six months of the effective date of the order;

d. Indefinite suspension of IPI's casino license to conduct gaming activities until IPI is in complete compliance with Enforcement Action 2020-004 and penalties of $2,000,000 in total within six months of that order;

e. Finally, indefinite suspension to conduct gaming activities until IPI is in complete compliance with Enforcement Action 2020-005, immediate full payment of the casino regulatory fee of $3,150,000 and penalties of $1,500,000 in total within six months of that order.

To date, Blaise said, IPI has not filed a stay with either the Superior Court or the Supreme Court on Commission Order 2021-002 so the order is enforceable.

In addition, the lawyer said, IPI has failed to make any payments pursuant to Commission Order 2021-002.

"Due to IP's failure to comply with Commission Order 2021-002, $25,252,570 is due in full," she said.

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feel if they see a dreary, unkempt main entrance. Giving our students enjoyable places to learn and develop, campuses with vibrant murals and clean buildings with no graffiti, will help boost morale.

During the pandemic, schools weren't able to maintain their facilities due to short staffing and limitations in place to mitigate COVID-19. The launch of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers Marianas School Pride is timely and exciting for our local schools. Through this initiative, all schools in the Marianas will be able to participate in meaningful activities in schools that promote campus beautification and a sense of ownership.

What's unique about this initiative is that the MSP allows and encourages students to take charge of beautification efforts. As we know, a cleaner learning environment will lead to fewer absences, improved classroom performance, improvement in student mental health, and more. Through the MSP Campus Beautification, our students will take part in cleaning and/or repainting existing areas that need help. Students will have so much pride and will be happier knowing that they took care of their school, a place where they spend most of their time.

Beautification activities will encourage students to be more involved in the world around them, be more environmentally conscious, and clean up after themselves. As the community sees how well the schools are taking care of their campus, this will also build a sense of pride within the community.

In addition to campus beautification, students can participate in the many meaningful activities that the MSP program offers, such as the Mural Art Contest and Christmas Decorating Contest. Both are geared toward improving their campus environment and making schools more festive and fun. On Oct. 24, MSP will launch even more programs, including the Anti-Vandalism and Anti-Littering Contest and the Village Flag Art Contest.

Our students at the Tinian Elementary School have already submitted plans for our Campus Beautification project for this school year. The TINES Student Government Organization, the National Elementary Honor Society, and Youth Advisory Panel have collaborated to identify what sites around the campus need attention. I am happy to share that the SGO, NEHS, and YAP plan to clean and repaint the sidewalks and hallways. The students also have plans to prominently feature the school's mascot in a mural on one of our campus walls. The GCEA team is actively working to provide the supplies and materials to us.

I hope our TINES students gain knowledge and skills through beautifying our school campus. I am confident they will be instrumental in convincing others to promote a positive and inviting school community.

To the schools that have yet to submit their MSP Advisors and Ambassadors lists, I encourage you to do so soon. It's not too late! Let's all take part in this amazing opportunity to showcase our school pride. The GCEA team is generously awarding points for participation in the MSP Advisers and Ambassadors meetings and when content is submitted to the MSP In Action newsletter, which launched this week. This first edition introduces the bright and motivated advisers and ambassadors from each school. Anyone can read it on GCEA's website at cnmieconomy.com.

Schools earn points for every volunteer hour completed by their students and bonus points for winning a competition. We are motivated to earn points for the opportunity to win a cash prize at the end of the school year. Last year, the GCEA awarded $40,000 in Education Tax Credits awards plus $10,000 in cash and in-kind awards for the Marianas Village Pride program contest. This year, GCEA aims to award a total of $50,000 in cash prizes to 20 schools throughout the Marianas. The program is open to all public and private elementary through high schools.

We are extremely grateful to be part of Marianas School Pride and look forward to competing with other elementary schools for the chance to win $10,000! With this grand prize, we would like to purchase a school playground for our students to enjoy during their free time. I encourage our public and private schools to take part in this initiative so that you can also take care of your school environment. Together, We Can!

For more information, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with the Council on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

Youth summit spotlights bullying and violence prevention

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Maisie B. Tenorio, fourth from left, secretary/treasurer of the 17th Board of Education and executive director of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, signs the proclamation that designates October as Bullying and Violence Prevention Month.

Youth Advisory Panel student leaders in high school, middle school, and elementary school on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota were joined by education leaders across the Commonwealth last Monday for an in-person YAP Youth Summit at the Magellan Restaurant of the Pacific Islands Club that also saw the month of October being designated as Bullying and Violence Prevention Month.

The summit consisted of presentations and educational outreach pertaining to bullying and violence prevention. This was followed by the proclamation signing, which had Maisie B. Tenorio, Board of Education secretary/treasurer and executive director of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, signing the proclamation on behalf of Antonio L. Borja, acting chairperson of the 17th Board of Education. The occasion was also attended by members of the BOE, Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada and members of his key management and staff, program leaders, and community partners.

The proclamation states that "bullying and violence prevention programs are established to provide schools and communities with sustained commitment and leadership to address and stop bullying, harassment, abuse and other forms of emotional and physical violence."

The proclamation had the theme "Choose Respect!" The proclamation stated that the theme was chosen to show that bullying is a behavioral choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online."

Ryan Nuera, a student representative in the BOE who is a senior at Tinian High School, said he is thankful for the event. "It's just great to see…the different things that we can do and implement in our schools to create more safe learning spaces for all of the students."

A total of 108 students from 20 public schools took part in the summit.

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HSEM takes part in worldwide earthquake drill

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, joined by millions of people from across the world, participated yesterday morning in the world's largest earthquake drill, called "The Great ShakeOut."

The event happened yesterday morning at 10:20am.

The Great ShakeOut earthquake drills are based on simulated earthquakes that would have an impact on the area if they occurred. This is an annual opportunity for people to practice what to do during earthquakes and to increase preparation. Several agencies, including the U.S. Geological Survey, collaborate to make these events possible.

To be more prepared for an earthquake, you can take four fundamental steps by making your space safe by identifying potential hazards and anchoring mobile items, preparing for safety by developing a disaster plan and deciding how to communicate in an emergency, arranging catastrophe supplies in accessible locations, and reducing financial stress by organizing essential paperwork.

Why is this earthquake drill necessary? To be able to react rapidly, you must practice frequently. In an earthquake, you may only have seconds to protect yourself before violent shaking knocks you down—or drops something on you, and by continuously practicing, you as well as others will be much better prepared to respond. ***(PR)***

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Employees of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management participate in the world's largest earthquake drill, called "The Great ShakeOut."

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MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 10:00AM** at the DCRM Learning Center, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center II, on Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

To minimize the threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation will continue and encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhttps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315) or join via telephone by calling the DCRM office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance and most updated information as Zoom meeting access code may change.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll Call
   C. Adoption of Agenda
   D. Adoption of October 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
   1) CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2022-0566
   Project: AK TOYOTA LEXUS DEALERSHIP FACILITY
   Applicant: ATKINS KROLL (SAIPAN), INC.
   Atkins Kroll Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct its new headquarters building and a Toyota-Lexus Dealership facility in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The project is situated on Lot No. E.A. 896-R2, measuring a total area of about 15,000 square meters, more or less, which borders with Route 30, Chalan Pale Arnold to the northwest, the U.S. Army Reserve complex, a vacant parcel to the northeast, the ANAKS Ocean View Condominiums to the east, and the Marianas Heights commercial buildings on the south side of the property. The project includes auto dealership area and parking, auto parts and services, sales offices, storage and working areas, conference rooms, vehicle showrooms, lounge areas, breakrooms, and restrooms. A large customer parking area will be provided with ADA compliant parking stalls, drive pathways, retaining walls, site illumination and site security networks, pedestrian pathways, and vegetative decors.
   a. Agencies' Discussion
   b. Agencies' Final Determination
IV. OTHER MATTERS
V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ RICHARD V. SALAS
Director, DCRM

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of October 21, 2022

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. U.S.A. Fanter Corporation, Ltd.	08/05/2022 SMS-2012-X-061-A1	Cement Batching Plant & Hollow Block Facility	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	On Hold
2. Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.	08/15/2022 SMS-2022-056	AK Toyota Lexus Saipan Dealership Facility	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Major Siting	Rescheduled - Final Determination*
3. Department of Public Works (DPW)	09/21/2022 SS-2022-062	Route 33 – Beach Road Repair (CDBG – Disaster Relief)	Beach Road Oleai - Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Review*
4. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC)	10/03/2022 SSWPI-2017-X-063-A1	Lower Base Sewer Phase II - Gravity Mains	Lowerbase, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetlands & Mangroves, Ports & Industrial	Under Review
5.Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR)	10/05/2022 SSPIm-2023-001	Construction of Five Concrete Picnic Tables	Lowerbase, Saipan	Shoreline, Ports & Industrial	Approved* 10/14/2022
6.Atty Corporation dba Atty Dive	10/07/202 SLR-2023-002	SCUBA Diving Operations	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 10/17/2022

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivexred to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Atkins Kroll donates $1K to Humanities Council

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Joel Lesh, Atkins Kroll general manager on Saipan, presents a ceremonial check for $1,000 to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council last Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, at the Toyota showroom in San Jose.

Atkins Kroll donated $1,000 to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council last Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, as part of its Community Matters Program.

"The importance of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's mission is immeasurable. Perpetuating and enriching the indigenous cultures of the Commonwealth in such creative and educational ways are significant to all of us at Atkins Kroll and we are honored to show our support," said Joel Lesh, Atkins Kroll general manager on Saipan.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is a non-profit corporation established in the CNMI in 1991. Its members are dedicated to exploring and enhancing the cultural human experiences of the peoples of the Commonwealth through educational programs, publications, and other channels. The council also awards community grants to organizations carrying out humanities projects.

For more information, visit nmhcouncil.org. ***(PR)***

Last October writing session

Come hang-out at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library from 10am to 12pm this Saturday—last session this month—Oct. 22, for free writing preparation sessions, help, encouragement, and some giveaways (notepads and pens).

The Marianas Writers Movement (https://mxarianas-writermovement.org) is sponsoring the NaNoWriMo preparation sessions this October. They're free.

November is National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo. The challenge is to write a 50,000-word novel in one month. It's not too late to sign up for November 2022! Go to nanowrimo.org! It's also free.

You've got nothing to lose! It's fun! And imagine being able to tell everyone you've written a novel! Sign up at nanowrimo.org. Come to the prep sessions at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. Win prizes, gain acclaim, and have fun! ***(PR)***

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AGROFORESTRY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR NMC-CREES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NMC RFP 23-001

Northern Marianas College, Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services (CREES) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for Agroforestry Consultant Services. The specifications and Scope of Work package may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. P, commencing Friday, October 21, 2022 between the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Preproposal meeting: 09:00am – 10:00am, November 7, 2022 CNMI via Zoom meeting room. Attendance is strongly recommended.

Proposal Packages: Due no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 2022, Saipan time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. P, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, **"Local Business Preference"**, as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local vendors in this procurement.

Proposers located outside of the CNMI: You may request a copy of the RFP via email to Christina Cruz (christina.cruz@marianas.edu).

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This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, or cancel in part or its entirety this RFP, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC and will not be returned.

/s/ Christina Cruz
NMC Procurement & Property Management Office

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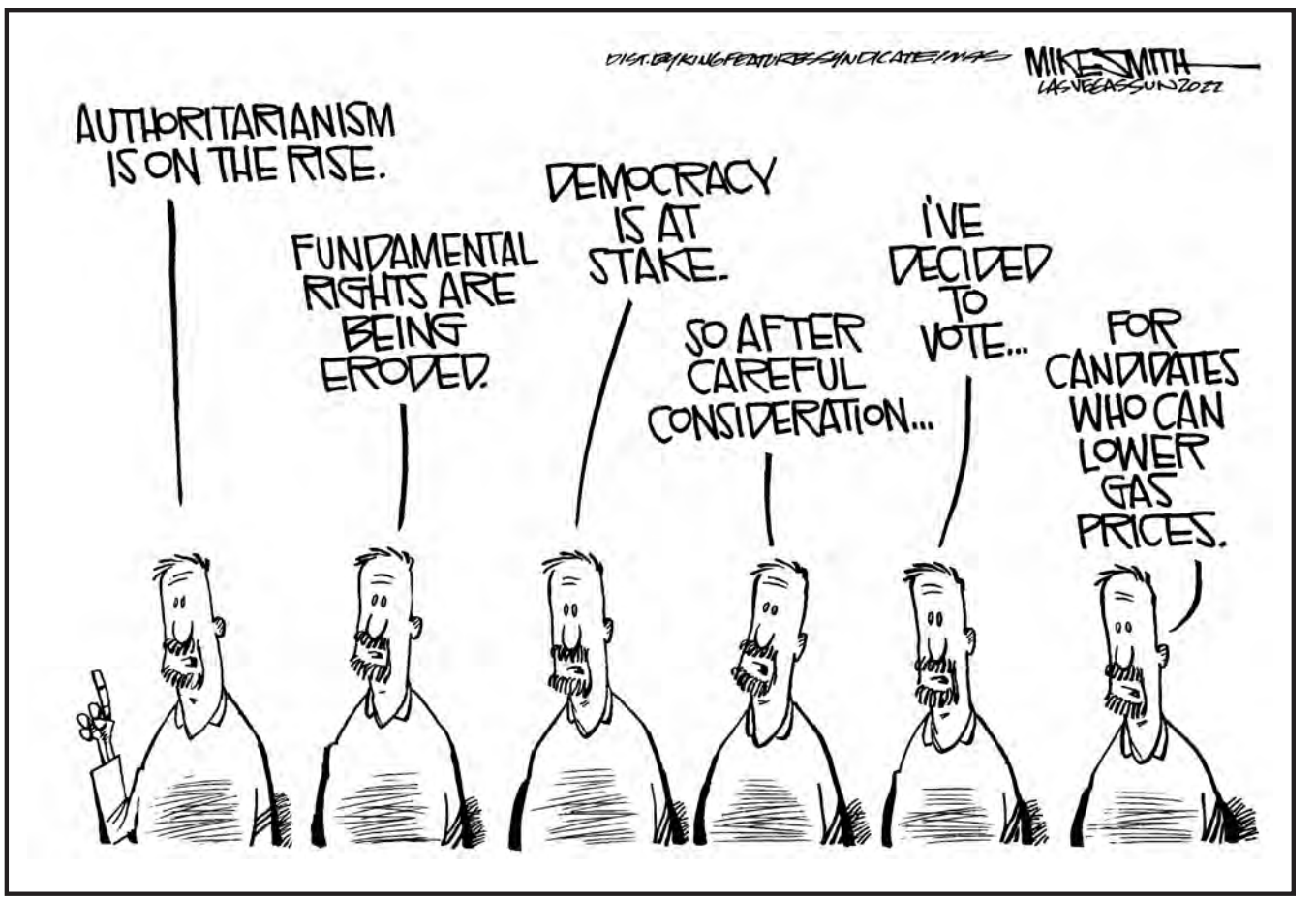
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EDITORIAL

Compel Trump's testimony under oath

The Jan. 6 select committee has proved beyond any doubt that Donald Trump incited and prolonged the mob violence that meant to subvert Congress from certifying Joe Biden's victory in a scrupulously fair election.

America was on the brink of dictatorship that day, a danger that did not pass when Trump's insurrectionists dispersed from a desecrated Capitol. Nearly two-thirds of Republicans still believe his lies. More than half of their candidates for Congress and state offices have denied or question Biden's victory, according to The Washington Post. Their party has become a cult.

The stage is set for another insurrection if Trump, or someone equally irresponsible, loses in 2024.

The remaining question is whether Trump really believed his lies, despite what his attorney general and advisers told him otherwise, or whether he knew better and didn't care. Demented or diabolical—he's one or the other. By neither explanation is he fit to command the affection of any American, let alone our highest office.

That's why it's proper and necessary for the committee to subpoena testimony from Trump himself. Only he can say why he relied on the advice of crackpots, rather than of the responsible people in his administration. Only he can tell his side of the story, which so far the committee has not heard. One would think he would leap at the chance—if nothing else, his narcissistic ego would crave the attention.

Still, it's more likely Trump will do everything he can to avoid it. Lies become perjury when they are told under oath. No capable lawyer would advise Trump to take that risk. If the courts compel him to obey a subpoena, he would need to be well versed on the Fifth Amendment.

His only other plausible strategy would be to delay, delay delay—his modus operandi—in the expectation that Republicans will win control of the House, revoke the subpoena and abolish the Jan. 6 committee.

That alone is reason enough for voters to leave the Democrats in charge.

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You want bad news or worse news about the Supreme Court?

By GENE COLLIER
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

From the Supreme Court of the United States, it would appear the worst is yet to come, and considering the extent of America's foundational damage already traceable to its top legal minds, no one who's paid a lick of attention should be surprised.

It would be hard to imagine a more corrosive decision than the one the court rendered in 2010's Citizens United case, which overturned only about 100 years of campaign finance restrictions, thus allowing corporations and the billionaires who run them to spend at will on elections.

By one informed estimate, billionaires spent $31 million on elections in 2010. This year, they'll spend $1.2 billion, pumping in about 39 times the toxicity of what the election cycle held just 12 years ago. So what could be worse?

As Justice Brett Kavanaugh might say, "Hold my beer."

In June, the Supreme Court threw out 50 years of established law (Roe v. Wade), deciding instead that while the 14th Amendment to the Constitution protects some rights, they do not include a woman's right to choose whether to continue a pregnancy.

Kavanaugh, one of three court appointees installed by Donald Trump, whose legal scholarship never moved from the congenital belief that the law does not apply to him, thus joined with fellow newbie justices Neil Gorsuch and Amy Coney Barrett to construct a 6-3 majority that stripped half the population of its bodily autonomy and threatened the health of some 40 million women.

Court watchers and legal mavens were doubly struck by an addendum to the majority decision authored by Justice Clarence Thomas, the reliable arch-conservative, in which he offered support for ending all of the 14th Amendment's unenumerated rights, including the right to birth control, private sex acts and interracial marriage.

Justice Thomas' own marriage is interracial. He's Black. She's a white insurrectionist. But that's another column.

By astonishing coincidence, confidence in the Supreme Court is at an all-time low.

Soon enough, however, the court will hear what some legal historians are calling the most important case in American history, and probably not because legal historians are prone to hyperbole.

If the plaintiffs in a case out of North Carolina, Moore v. Harper, which the court will review in the next few months, can convince the justices that something called the Independent State Legislature Theory is, you know, a thing—then elections as we've come to understand them will no longer exist.

The one coming up Nov. 8 will be the last election in which the will of the voters cannot be trumped by the will of the state legislatures, unless the court rules the Independent State Legislature Theory is not, again, a thing.

"There is literally nothing at all in the Constitution, or in the history of the founding of our country or the framing of the Constitution that even hints at the possibility of such a theory," says retired federal Judge J. Michael Luttig, who's been writing on the topic in The Atlantic and appearing on some cable news shows. "The only argument at all is simply that the election clause empowers the state legislatures to prescribe the manner of holding the Congressional elections, therefore the state courts have no role whatsoever. That's not tenable under any of the normal tools of Constitutional interpretation."

The Independent State Legislature Theory, suddenly wildly popular among gerrymanderers, election deniers, vote suppressors, red state political hacks and inveterate Trumplicans, is that since the Constitution puts state legislatures in charge of elections, no state court or state Supreme Court has any jurisdiction on election disputes. There are no more checks and balances. The people who make the election rules can, conceivably, restrict voting access with impunity and throw out the results if they don't like them.

I should note here that the Supreme Court declined to take this case in December of 2020, and that Luttig himself, a conservative legal icon whom Vice President Mike Pence leaned on in the days leading up to Jan. 6, 2021, is on record saying he doesn't think the current court "will embrace" the theory.

But there remains a sense that at least five of the nine justices are very interested in the argument, which has its roots in the Bush v. Gore legal showdown of 2000. The fact that they're willing to hear it now is thoroughly ominous.

"Our government will be run by and for the politicians, not the people," said Suzanne Almeida of the watchdog group Common Cause on a conference call last week. "The danger is not just that partisan political leaders will handpick winners and losers, it's that we the people will no longer have a fully representative government."

All that's at stake, in other words, is democracy itself—your right to choose your own leaders, which is definitely still a thing.

For now.

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With America so divided and threatened, who are we really?

By WILLIAM FRENCH
Chicago Tribune

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Our Constitution opens with the claim "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union ..." But does this "we the people" claim hold true today? Our political parties across our history have contested fiercely for election victories. But now we face a set of midterm elections in which our sense of national unity has been intentionally shattered by many on one side.

As the midterm elections approach, we tremble because a number of Republican candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and state secretary of state continue to mouth the lie that Democrats stole the last election, that President Joe Biden is not our true president and that they, if elected, will refuse to ratify any future statewide popular vote count that swings Democratic. Donald Trump and so many in the Republican Party, who now genuflect to him, push a message that Democrats are bent on destroying America. This messaging is echoed nightly on Fox News.

But who are we really? America today has the world's largest economy—annually roughly $23 trillion in gross domestic product—and the world's strongest military fueled by spending roughly $800 billion per year, a sum greater than the next nine nations combined. Our diverse college and university system is the envy of the world, and our technological creativity and massive cultural outreach in literature, music, theater and films touch people worldwide. We are generally a creative and hardworking people.

How did it come to pass that the world's oldest, wealthiest and militarily strongest democracy is now so deeply threatened by those who would turn us into an autocracy or tear us apart in some civil war? How did we slumber so negligently during decades of this gradually mounting homegrown threat?

We failed to establish societal, legislative and economic restraints on corporate- and financial-sector wealth. We failed to appreciate how the internet and the revolutions of new social media—Facebook, Twitter and the rest—can spread helpful communication and wonderful family photos but also weaponize the power of lies and disinformation.

By failing to see the power of these historic changes, we clung to a naive notion that the leading actors of our political parties are generally honorable and actually, when pushed, genuinely patriotic. We naively believed that governmental customs and norms would be followed because they always have been. We naively believed that blatant lies and recordings of boasting about sexual dalliances could really hurt candidates at election time. We naively believed that our famous system of checks and balances could stop really bad actors. We naively believed that the promotion of an insurrection at the Capitol with the clear intent to stop Congress' ratification of Electoral College votes certifying that Biden won the election would trigger an immediate impeachment vote and indictment by the Senate. Nope.

The Federal Communications Commission in 1949 established the fairness doctrine that required that TV and radio companies for their privilege of being granted broadcast licenses must present controversial issues of societal importance and do so in a fashion that offers a balanced range of voices on both sides.

But in 1987, this doctrine was ended during Ronald Reagan's presidency, which opened the door to cable news channels taking much more partisan stances in programming. Fox News, founded by Rupert Murdoch in 1996, embraced a strong right-wing editing that often misleads on current events. During the Trump years, its leading voices—Sean Hannity and Tucker Carlson—have been critical megaphones for Trump's views. Many hold that Fox News is essentially the propaganda arm of the gradually radicalized Republican Party.

An absolutist expansion of what is justified by the First Amendment as free speech is perhaps the key threat to America today. It has provided cover for Facebook profits to surge as the tech giant failed to police and remove Russian pages designed to hurt Hillary Clinton's election prospects and promote Trump's. Free speech claims allowed Alex Jones to use his notorious InfoWars website to spread his vicious lies and conspiracy theories that harmed the grieving parents of slain first graders in New Town, Connecticut. It took 10 years to bring him to account.

And the Supreme Court in the Citizens United case held famously that corporations now are "persons" and that corporate campaign contributions are "protected free speech" so that political campaigns can be overrun by political action committee money fueled by corporations and the uber-rich who require in return that politicians do their bidding. This ruling killed an important, decadeslong bipartisan effort to set sharp campaign finance limits. So now big money buys political power that buys big money-friendly legislation.

Our top national security threat today is homegrown. It derives energy from Trump and his acolytes employing social media messaging about lies that the last election was stolen. It gains traction by so many Republican leaders' lack of courage and their opting to try to hold on to their congressional seats by pleasing Trump's MAGA base. It is pushed by the altered media ecosystem that incentivizes House members and Senators to perform, not legislate—to be more focused on media presentation than on passing laws to better Americans' lives.

Is this who we as a people want to be?

Senescent Sonnets

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka Pepe Batbon is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. He is a sonnet practitioner who enjoys stargazing.

Turning a Page on Alcohol

The first time you got drunk what was your age
if you looked at yourself what was your image
were you with your friends at a teenage stage
is that when you began regular alcohol usage
did you grow older drinking more and more
always having some more booze in storage
always driving to the cheapest liquor store
with a few cases of beer still in your garage
you got a beer belly now or a tiger in your tank
vomiting and blacking out every now and then
waking up with a headache your mind a blank
not a sober day since you can't remember when
have you had enough booze at your present age
thinking about saying no and turning the page.

Not Scared of Scarlatti's Song

"There the shudder of the waves breaking against the rocks fills my heart with fear and terror"
"Ombre tacite e sole"
—Cantatas by Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725) written on Oct. 31, 1716.

Though the place is called Suicide Cliff
I go there not to die but to watch the
Milky Way far above the Tinian sky
to see the bright moonlight dancing
across incessant choppy little waves
and how the moon's reflection behaves
back and forth over and down under
pearl and diamond necklaces skip and
sway weaving intricate abstract patterns
you are unable to see in the light of day
I feel no terror as Scarlatti's song sings
but dance with celestial angels that have
starlight on their wings. Yes, there is a
dull thud of waves on the rocks below
providing bass notes for the sea's song
lit up lovely lilting golden moonglow.

My experience as an immigrant and stroke survivor reveals the abiding good of a diverse America

By SAMEER BHIDE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The topics of critical race theory and diversity have exploded in the public arena, causing further divide in our society between conservatives and liberals. I am not here to justify either point of view. As an immigrant, I just want to share my experience of our rich diversity. We are indeed a divided country, but as a people, I am amazed at the ability of so many Americans to find ways of coming together. The diversity of America is what has always made it a "promised land" for so many. I want to share a positive reminder of the best this great nation can be.

Originally from India, I lived in the United States for more than 32 years. What I have always found fascinating is that most people could care less about another person's background, race or religion. The beauty of this country is that everyone is judged as an individual who has something of value to contribute to society.

My health journey bears out this truth. Five and a half years ago, I had a massive stroke that changed my life. As I reflect on my life since that day, I am struck by joy in remembering the diversity of friends, caregivers and colleagues who aided in my recovery and saved my life. They were of different races, ethnicities and religions, and many were immigrants. And each of them tirelessly helped me keep going and recover. Coming together for the greater good, this is the real America. This is the country I am proud to call home.

How is this for a microcosm of America?

■ My neurosurgeon was an Indian American.

■ My intensive care unit doctor was from Slovenia.

■ My rehab doctor and psychologist were white and born here.

■ My internist was from Thailand.

■ My neurologists included an Indian, an African American and an Iranian.

■ My physiatrist was a Latina.

Racism and discrimination continue to be problems in America, but it is not too far gone. This country was built on people standing up for what they believe in and righting wrongs that may date back hundreds of years. No matter what the current challenges are, as an immigrant and a minority, I can say for the most part that America has lived up to its ideals of liberty, equality, justice and fairness for all.

Yes, America is not perfect, but it has come a long way. Americans will continue to make progress, no matter how slow or frustrating it may be. In an age in which stories of racism and bigotry grab headlines, there also will always be stories of humanity that go beyond ethnicities, politics and nations. The protests in 2020 were an incredible demonstration of people standing together to combat racial injustice. In many places, those peaceful protests have already had an impact on laws. I am not sure we recognize how rare it is to have such freedom. We still have a long way to go, but from the perspective of someone who has spent many years of his life in other countries, trust me when I say the United States still represents a beacon of hope to the rest of the world.

In these times of extreme political and social divide, Americans should remember that the true strength of this nation does not rest on military might or economic prowess. It comes from the people. I am blessed to have experienced the absolute best of this country, and I know I am not alone.

America is mostly full of honest, generous and kind people, and that can and should always be this nation's legacy. Humanity wins, no matter the challenges.

This is the real America; this is us.

Sameer Bhide lived in the U.S. for 32-plus years before moving back recently to his native India for health reasons. Bhide grew up in Mumbai where he completed a bachelor's degree in accounting and then moved to the U.S. as an international student, completing a bachelor's in management and an MBA. He worked for global companies for more than two decades.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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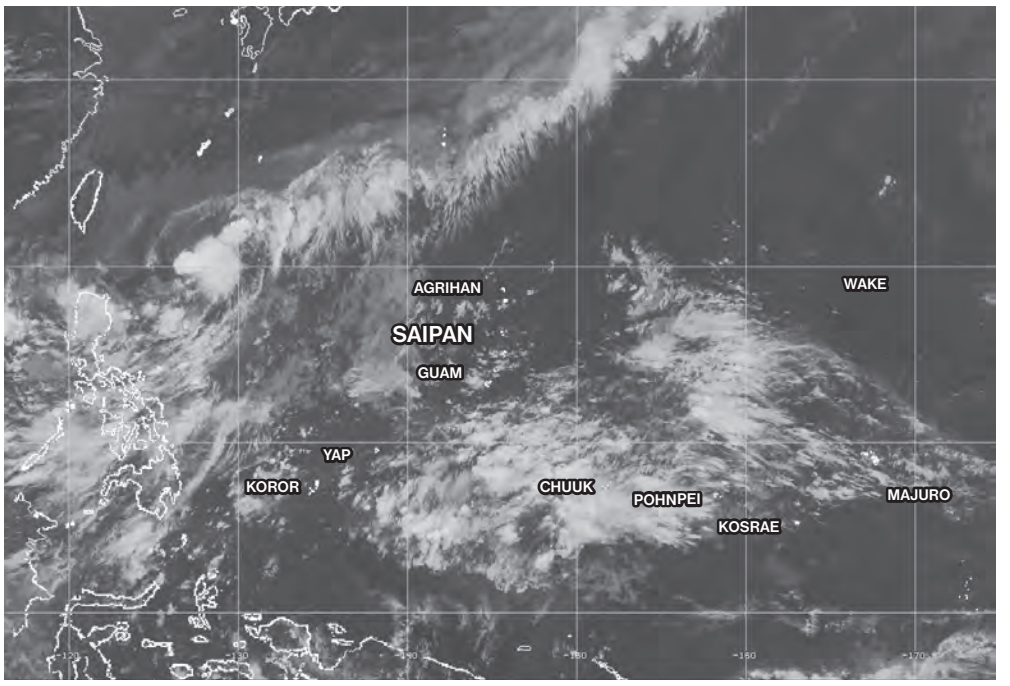

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Partly cloudy skies, isolated showers, and moderate trade winds are present across the Marianas this morning. Satellite altimetry indicates seas of 3 to 5 feet, while buoys at Tanapag and Ritidian are showing seas near 4 feet.

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MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 76°
Yap	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° /79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Cloudy	86° / 77°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:09 AM	5:53 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Tuesday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:18 AM	3:13 PM	-
Saturday	3:08 AM	3:50 PM	-
Sunday	3:58 AM	4:27 PM	-
Monday	4:49 AM	5:05 PM	-
Tuesday	5:42 AM	5:44 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Showers	63° / 50°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	73° / 49°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	81° / 74°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	82° / 75°
London	Light Rain	64° / 52°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	89° / 61°
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	74° / 61°
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	78° / 67°
New York	Sunny	60° / 43°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	75° / 62°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	70° / 56°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 60°
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	77° / 62°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	64° / 37°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	68° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	67° / 49°
Tokyo	Sunny	72° / 57°
Washington, DC	Sunny	62° / 39°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:56 AM	High Tide	1.36
10:40 AM	Low Tide	0.24
5:41 PM	High Tide	1.74
11:47 PM	Low Tide	0.78

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	4:00PM	11:05AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA192/112	10:25PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
UA184/112	11:50PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Guam
OZ704/623	11:55PM	2:30PM+1	2,5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

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MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

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Location: Guma Sakman
When: Sunday - October 23, 2022
Time: Motorcade: 12:30pm
Wave: 1pm
Event Program: 1:30pm - 5pm

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Selbo named chief of wildlife refuge system in Pacific Region

PORTLAND, Oregon—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced Sarena Selbo as the new chief of the National Wildlife Refuge Systemin Hawai'i, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the Pacific Islands, including America Samoa, Guam and the CNMI. With over 20 years in conservation, Selbo has worked for the Service at the field, regional, and national levels.

"The Pacific Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service protects unparalleled natural resources and wildlife—from the Mariana Trench to the Great Basin," said Hugh Morrison, acting regional director for the Service's Pacific Region. "Sarena Selbo's proven leadership skills, expertise in natural resource management and dedication to inclusive partnerships and community involvement will ensure that the National Wildlife Refuge System continues to thrive."

Selbo

Throughout her career, Selbo has focused on partnership with communities, effective conservation across landscapes, connecting people with the outdoors and including new and diverse audiences in conservation. Working for the state of Ohio, Selbo started her career as an ecologist and has since held positions with the Service's ecological services program and as chief for conservation planning and policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System, deputy chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System in Alaska, assistant regional director of science applications, and most recently, project leader for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management District Complex.

"The people, places and wildlife of the Pacific Region are inspiring," said Selbo. "Working with communities, we are protecting some of the last best habitat and places for wildlife—and people to enjoy them—in the world. I am thrilled to serve in this position, to build on the great work already taking place and find new ways to support the teams managing our public lands and water and the communities that count on them."

Selbo will oversee 67 national wildlife refuges, four marine national monuments and one national monument. Selbo begins her tenure later this year, working with a team of dedicated wildlife and natural resource management professionals to ensure that the fish, wildlife and plants protected by the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Pacific Region will benefit future generations of Americans.

Selbo received her Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry from the University of North Dakota and Master of Science in ecology and evolution from The Ohio State University. ***(PR)***

OPD introduces RFI for Community Pillars Program

The CNMI Office of Planning and Development has introduced a Request for Information that will assess the construction and capital improvement conditions of the Northern Mariana Islands leading up to its implementation of Community Pillars programming throughout the islands.

The RFI includes programming background, material that would be used for a prospective RFP, and a list of questions for potentially interested bidders and other parties. A published copy of the Request for Information can be found at: https://opd.gov.mp/rfp-itb.html.

Written responses to the RFI are encouraged, and additionally OPD will hold an RFI Conference on Oct. 26, 2022, from 9:30am to 11:00am, at the DPL conference room of the Joeten Dandan Building for verbal presentations and discussion with the Community Pillars team. Conference room space is limited, and in-person attendance will be reserved for parties that pre-register, and then on a first-come first-served basis. Prospective bidders or other interested parties are advised to contact OPD at (670) 488-1221 or send email to info@opd.gov.mp by Oct. 25, 2022 to pre-register.

According to Peter Dresslar, senior adviser, Broadband and Digital Equity, to the Office of Planning and Development, "The Request for Information process will provide our team with constructive feedback from architecture and engineering firms, construction companies, and the public in advance of the development of our formal Request for Proposal. This will guide us to a more precise RFP and overall procurement strategy for Community Pillars, which should in turn allow us to execute faster and use the federal funds more efficiently."

Full details are provided in the RFI form, including descriptions of prospective capital improvements and sites. All Community Pillars development will be planned to meet the programmatic requirements of the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund. Guidelines from the U.S. Treasury stipulate that "Projects to construct or improve buildings that are designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring" are a key target of the program. OPD is partnering with more than 10 Community Anchor Institutions from around the CNMI in order to plan for and develop such projects.

For more on OPD initiatives, visit https://opd.gov.mp.

Established in 2017 through Public Law 20-20, the OPD serves to increase the effectiveness of government and private actions, to improve coordination among different agencies and levels of government, and to provide for wise use of resources and future development of the CNMI. ***(OPD)***

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VISION: *"Vision: "To integrate a seamless workforce development system that meets the needs of employers, job-seekers, workers, and youths in order to supply quality employees for the dynamic economy of the CNMI."*

In accordance with Public Law 8-41, Section 11(a), the CNMI State Workforce Development Board hereby gives notice that it will hold its Program Year (PY) 2022 2nd Quarter General Membership meeting on October 25, 2022 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Tinian Public Library, Tinian, MP

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review & Adoption of Agenda of October 25, 2022
IV. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2022
V. Public Comments
VI. Reports
  a. Executive Committee
  b. Planning, Assessment, Evaluation Committee
  c. Policy & Procedure Committee
  d. Program Committee
  e. Core Partners
VII. New Business
  a. WIOA PY2022 Allotments
  b. FY2023 Citizen Centric Report
VIII. Old Business
  a. Eligible Training Provider Application
    i. Latte Training Academy
  b. Public Comments on Policies
  c. WIOA Annual Evaluation: RFP22-DOL/WIA-4220014
  d. WIOA State Plan Modification Conditions
IX. Announcements
X. Next Meeting
XI. Adjournment

/s/ Velma Ann Palacios
Chairperson

ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require accommodations are requested to contact the Department of Labor Workforce Investment Agency at 670.664.1708/1717 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in order to ensure the availability of the requested accommodation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is welcome to comment on any agenda item. Public comments may be made by:

- Email to cnmiswdb@dol.gov.mp an hour before the meeting start time. The subject line shall identify the date of the meeting followed by the agenda item being addressed.
- Oral testimonies in-person at the meeting.

Timely submission of public comments will be read aloud during the public comment segment of the agenda and made available to the public in compliance with Public Law 8-41.

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500 SAILS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
EDA GRANT NO. 07-79-07817
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MARITIME TRAINING CENTER
500 SAILS-2022/RSQ-001

500 Sails, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is soliciting bids from qualified vendors that are interested in providing professional services for the design and construction management for the Northern Mariana Islands Maritime Training Center (aka Cultural Maritime Training Center or CMTC).

The EDA funded project proposed is a renovation of a 30,900 sq ft warehouse that is in generally good condition and currently in use as a boatyard and teaching facility, and administrative offices. The renovation does not change the footprint of the warehouse. The renovation includes construction of a classrooms and offices area, roof repairs, replacement of warehouse doors and windows, the selection and installation of air conditioning and air circulation for the entire facility including air filtration and exhaust, selection and installation of an overhead crane, and the installation of multiple delivery points of compressed air, vacuum hookups, and electrical outlets within the boatyard/shop floor.

The Scope of Work is available beginning October 24, 2022 at 9:00am Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) at the 500 Sails Boatyard and Administrative office, located in Lower Base, Saipan. Requests may be sent via email to nmimtc@500Sails.org.

A mandatory on-site pre-proposals conference will be held at the 500 Sails boatyard on November 3, 2022 at 4:00pm ChST.

All questions or inquiries regarding this RSQ are due no later than 9:00pm, ***November 4, 2022 by email only***. Responses to questions or inquiries will be provided on November 11, 2022.

Sealed proposal for this project shall be submitted with one (1) original and four (4) copies to the 500 Sails Boatyard and Administrative Office, located at in Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 3:00pm, local time, ChST, November 14, 2022 and must be marked **"Proposal - Northern Marianas Maritime Training Center 500 Sails-2022-RSQ-001".**

Electronic submissions may be accepted if approved prior to the submission deadline.

Failure to follow the instructions regarding the submission of RSQ Responses may result in 500 Sails' choice to disqualify such bids.

Pete Perez
Executive Director

SCC Candidate Forum on Oct. 26

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host the 2022 Candidate Forum for the running Saipan candidates on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, at the Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort, from 11:30am to 2pm.

Running Saipan candidates for lieutenant governor, mayors, senators, and House representatives have been invited to participate in the forum.

This event is RSVP only. Tickets are $25/member and $30/non-member. It will cost $200/table, seating eight SCC members, and $240, seating eight non-members. Lunch is included. Visit the website, www.saipanchamber.com/events/calendar to RSVP today.

Payments may be made through the phone or stop by the SCC office on the fourth floor, Suite 413, of the Marianas Business Plaza. Last day to accept payments is on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022.

These forums are offered in the effort to further educate voters on the issues of our islands by presenting the opportunity to hear differing opinions and solutions, and for those who are unfamiliar with the various platforms of each candidate.

Each candidate will be given equal time to share what their platform will do for business legislation and community benefits; time limits will be enforced fairly and equally. ***(PR)***

Plaintiffs in medical malpractice suit vs CHCC, SHC demanding jury trial

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed against the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Saipan Health Clinic are demanding a jury trial in their civil suit alleging medical malpractice.

The plaintiffs—the biological parents and grandparent of a now 2-year old who experienced Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy or HIE, birth trauma and other injuries as a result of the alleged malpractice—have recently filed their third amended complaint and a motion demanding that the Superior Court set a jury trial on the matter.

According to the third amended complaint, the plaintiffs are alleging medical malpractice and violations of equal protection for the infant. They named CHCC, SHC, and physician Helen Taro-Atalig as defendants. Taro-Atalig is an employee of the Health Professional Corp. that does business as Saipan Health Clinic, a private medical clinic.

The plaintiffs are asking for an award of damages and future damages for pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and diminished quality of life.

According to the lawsuit, on May 7, 2020, plaintiffs gave birth to their first child at CHCC. The child allegedly suffered from HIE, a type of brain dysfunction that occurs when the brain doesn't receive enough oxygen or blood flow for a period of time, as a result of the birthing process.

The plaintiffs allege that Taro-Atalig was the primary care provider of obstetrical care for the pregnancy and delivery of plaintiffs' child but CHCC employees assisted in the delivery of the child.

The plaintiffs noted that Taro-Atalig, being the primary care provider, controlled all material aspects of the delivery.

Meanwhile, CHCC has also filed a motion with the Superior Court requesting that they be dismissed from this lawsuit with prejudice.

CHCC, through assistant attorney general Stephen Anson, argues that dismissal of plaintiffs' first cause of action for medical malpractice against CHCC is warranted because, as a matter of law, CHCC cannot be held vicariously liable for the actions of a private physician.

Anson also argued that the plaintiffs fail to state a direct medical malpractice claim against CHCC because Taro-Atalig was the primary care provider responsible for the medical decisions concerning the plaintiffs' delivery of their child.

Further. Anson argues that the plaintiffs retained Taro-Atalig from SHC for medical services concerning the birth of their first child. "Even though Taro-Atalig is not an employee of CHCC, she has physician privileges at CHCC," Anson said. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

Northern Marianas Humanities Council
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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 8 a.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Administration Building, Governor's Conference Room on Capitol Hill.

AGENDA

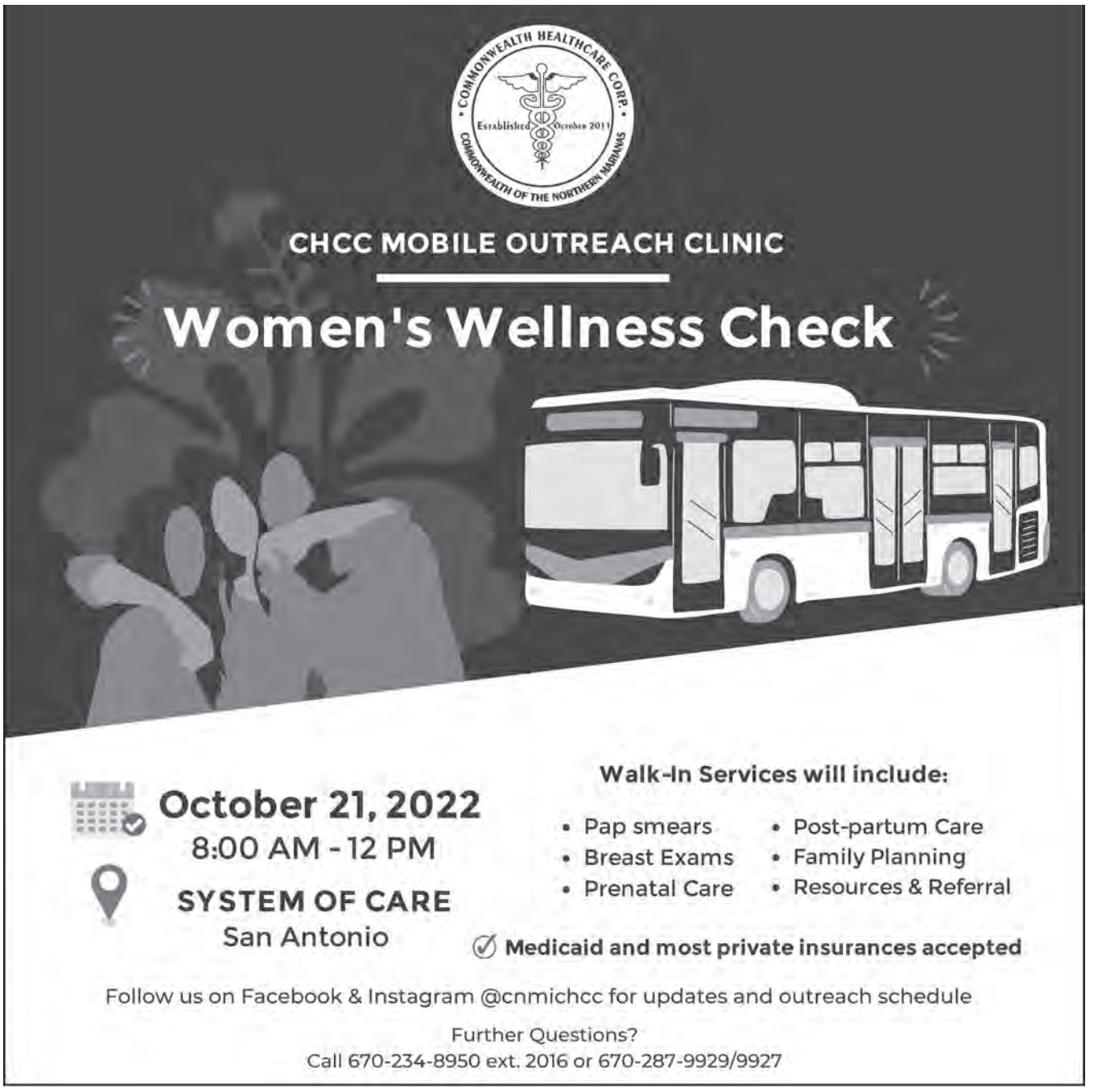
I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (09/21/2022)
V. Public Comments
VI. Chairperson's Report
- Welcoming of new member Board (Dr. Angelica Sabino)

VII. Director's Report
- Financial Report
- 2022 Citizen Centric Report
- Update on office staff

VIII. Investigator's Report
IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
A. Governor's Office
- Invitation to the State of the Commonwealth Address (SOCA)

B. Legislature
X. Old Business
- Proposed regulations for Physicians and Osteopathy
- HB 22-80 (PSYPACT)

XI. New Business
XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
A. New Application
B. Renewal Application
XIII. Miscellaneous Business
XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
XV. Announcements
A. Next Meeting Date
B. Adjournment of Meeting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Business

Giovanni's got its groove back

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Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Matteo Fracalossi invites everyone to Giovanni's Italian lunch buffet.

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New executive chef Matteo Fracalossi is bringing the Italian back to Giovanni's at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The Trento, Italy native overhauled the restaurant's Italian lunch buffet menu since coming on island three weeks ago and the results are simply mouthwatering.

The landmark Garapan hotel hosted members of the media, including vloggers, to a luncheon last Friday that also served as an introduction to Fracalossi and new Food and Beverage director Hani Min.

Before the luncheon, Min raved about how Fracalossi is personally bringing back his country's gastronomic heritage to the CNMI's first brand hotel's Italian outlet.

Asked what to expect during the luncheon, Fracalossi simply said that everyone must really try his dishes to appreciate them and even though he didn't say he's the best Italian chef, he did acknowledge that he grew up in an Italian kitchen and that he knows how to cook Italian food.

For starters, Fracalossi's revamped all-you-can-eat buffet shows its authentic Italian roots with the menu itself in Italian.

Selezione di antipasti (selection for appetizers) include insalata di mare (seafood, parsley salad, celery, cherry tomato), melanzane marinate (grilled eggplant, oregano, garlic, vinegar, extra virgin olive oil), cavolore broccoli e acciughe (cauliower, broccoli, black olive, bread crouton, anchovy dressing), insalata di riso (rice, ham, mozzarella, grilled vegetable, green pea), caprese (cow mozzarella, tomato, basil pesto), and frittelle di cavolori (cauliower fritters).

The hearty breakfast also includes a create-your-own salad option, homemade bread, street food-style pizza, and a daily chef soup.

The main course starts with scrumptious gnocchi alla Romana, which is baked semolina gnocchi and tomato sauce.

Equally delicious items in the line include pollo and pepperoni (Roman-style chicken stew, bell pepper, parsley) scaloppine al limone (pan-seared pork loin in white wine sauce) cozze alla marinara (mussels in garlic, chili, parsley, and tomato sauce) broccoli saltati (sautéed broccoli with chili and garlic), and millefoglie di patate (layered baked potato)

But the star of the main course was Fracalossi's porchetta or ariccia traditional roasted pork at the carving station.

The melt-in-your mouth piece of pork heaven is as crunchy as bacon on the outside and pillowy soft on the inside with Italian herbs oozing in every bite.

And what Italian buffet is complete without pasta as Giovanni's has an entire action station devoted to the starchy staple with three types of noodles—spaghetti, penne, linguine—and four types of sauces—pomodoro (tomato sauce, basil, parmigiano), bolognese (beef ragout, parmigiano), pesto alla ligure (basil pesto, potato, green bean), aglio e olio (garlic, chili, extra virgin olive oil, parsley) at everyone's disposal.

Those who are easily overwhelmed by choices can simply make a beeline to the pasta of the day and on that particular Friday, rigatoni alla norcina (pork sausage, cream, parmigiano, and thyme) was the option.

For sweet tooths, Fracalossi and his fast-learning staff have also prepared a delectable dessert spread that include dolci tiramisu, classico Hyatt Regency signature cheesecake, strawberry bonet, Piedmont chocolate, crème caramel cannoli al limone, lemon custard, stuffed cannoli biscotti, homemade cookies, freshly slice fruits, and the unforgettable cioccolato di Modica or traditional Sicilian chocolate (made from 68% dark chocolate).

The latter is like marrying seasalt and a whole Hershey's factory into one.

Giovannio's Italian lunch buffet is available every Friday from 11:30am to 2pm. and is inclusive of iced tea. It costs $36 per person and $27 with Club at the Hyatt member discount. The latest menu can be viewed at Lunch Buffet Menu: https://qrco.de/gvitalianlunchbuffet. For reservations, call (670) 234-1234 ext. 126.

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Porchetta or ariccia traditional roasted pork is fast becoming a favorite.

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Stuffed cannoli biscotti and Cioccolato di Modica or traditional Sicilian chocolate.

EPA: UPS to pay fine, correct hazardous waste violations

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Environmental Protection Agency has reached a settlement with United Parcel Service to resolve violations of hazardous waste regulations at more than 1,100 facilities across 45 states and Puerto Rico, the agency said Wednesday.

The consent agreement with Atlanta-based UPS resolves a range of alleged violations, including failure to make land disposal determinations and to conduct proper on-site management of hazardous waste. The company has three years to reach compliance across 1,160 locations and will pay a civil penalty of $5.3 million.

UPS, whose familiar brown trucks are known worldwide, generates hazardous waste regulated under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act when a package containing certain hazardous materials is damaged, as well as during day-to-day operations such as maintenance, EPA said.

"This settlement is another example of EPA's commitment to protecting communities from the dangers of hazardous waste," said Larry Starfield, EPA's acting assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance assurance. The settlement requires UPS to address illegal actions at all of its facilities and "implement policies that prevent future non-compliance," Starfield said.

UPS spokesperson Lauren Spangler said the parcel-delivery service has long-standing procedures in place to handle hazardous waste and is taking additional steps to improve its practices.

"The safety of our employees and communities, and care for our environment are the highest priorities at UPS," she said in an email. "We will continue to work with agencies and authorities around the world to ensure the safety of our network and the well-being of our employees and the customers and communities we serve."

EPA officials in Texas-based Region 6 entered into a settlement agreement with UPS last year for facilities in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. Following that settlement, EPA expanded its investigation into other UPS facilities across the country and identified similar claims nationwide. UPS facilities generated, accumulated and offered for transport, treatment and/or disposal certain hazardous waste streams, including ignitable, corrosive and acute hazardous wastes, EPA said.

UPS has developed compliance strategies at its Region 6 facilities and has begun similar steps nationwide, EPA said.

Under the settlement, UPS agreed to comply with state and federal RCRA laws and regulations, including more accurate hazardous waste determinations, proper employee training and proper onsite management of hazardous waste, EPA said.

Japan's imports, exports balloon on energy costs and cheaper yen

TOKYO (AP)—Japan marked a trade deficit for the 14th month in a row, government data showed Thursday, with exports and imports ballooning to record highs, as the declining value of the yen added to the soaring costs of imported energy, food and other goods.

Imports totaled 10.9 trillion yen ($72.7 billion) in September, according to the Finance Ministry, up nearly 46% from the same month a year ago on the back of rising oil and gas costs.

Imports have grown for 20 months straight on-year. But import costs were lower than the previous month's, indicating some commodity prices have begun to stabilize.

Exports totaled 8.8 trillion yen ($58.7 billion), with the strongest growth in autos and steel. It was the 20th straight month of year on year monthly gains.

The Japanese yen has weakened drastically as the Bank of Japan maintains its negative interest rate policy, to keep economic activity going, while the U.S. Federal Reserve tightens monetary policy to combat growing inflation pressures.

Experts say that rate difference leads to a weaker yen. But the Bank of Japan has said Japan's inflation is not as serious as the problem in the U.S. and some other nations. Until recently, Japan has instead been striving to keep deflation, or falling prices, at bay.

The war in Ukraine and other global factors have set off the recent steep rise in energy costs. Japan imports almost all its oil.

In the past, the weak yen has been a boon for Japan's giant exporters, like Toyota and Nintendo, by raising the value of overseas earnings when converted in yen.

But the perk has gradually diminished, hurting consumers and businesses that must pay higher prices for food, energy, raw materials and other necessities.

Japanese government leaders have indicated they might act to try to stem volatility in exchange rates as the yen has continued to slide, falling to about 150 yen to the dollar, or a fresh 32-year low.

Junichi Makino, chief economist at SMBC Nikko Securities, said auto exports were recovering after months of parts shortages related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Japan's exports of computer chips were also strong, underpinned by strong demand from China, Makino said.

Nation

Election deniers could make deep changes to AZ voting

PHOENIX (AP)±—Gathered at a table in the state Capitol a little less than two years ago, two Republicans and a Democrat took part in a ceremony proscribed in state law that made official Joe Biden's 10,500-vote victory in Arizona's 2020 presidential contest.

While sifting through pages, pen in hand and cameras rolling, Republican Gov. Doug Ducey stopped to silence the "hail to the chief" ringtone on his cell phone. It was a call from President Donald Trump, who was in the midst of a frenetic fight to reverse the results of the election he had lost. Ducey continued signing the papers, in what some saw as a dramatic affirmation of democracy at work.

How a similar scene would play out in 2024 if the three Republicans running for the top statewide offices win in November is anyone's guess. Each has said they would not have signed off on the 2020 results if they had held office at the time. Kari Lake, the Republican candidate for governor, and Mark Finchem, running for secretary of state, have signaled support for vastly overhauling election rules.

Lake, Finchem and Abraham Hamadeh, the attorney general nominee, are running for offices that play a central role in administering or certifying elections and earned Trump's support by spreading falsehoods about the 2020 election.

"When you have stolen, corrupt elections, you have serious consequences, even deadly consequences," Lake said in June while she was competing in the GOP primary. "And unfortunately, we had a stolen election, and we actually have an illegitimate president sitting in the White House."

Multiple reviews in battleground state s, including in Arizona, dozens of court cases and Trump's own Department of Justice have found there was no widespread fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

Despite that, Republican candidates up and down the ballot continue to deny the legitimacy of Biden's election. Several are running for governor, secretary of state or attorney general in some of the battleground states where Trump disputed his loss, including Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Nevada.

The possibility of those candidates winning in November raises questions about what they might do regarding elections and certification of results once in office, especially in regard to the 2024 presidential race. Arizona's candidates for top statewide office offer a window into that possible future.

Election experts say any of the three, if elected, could try to tilt the 2024 election toward Trump if he runs again for president. That could happen through a refusal to certify an election he loses or long before that through pre-emptive changes to the election process.

Arizona has a recent history of extremely close elections, so small changes to its election laws could have a huge impact on the outcome and reverberate nationally.

The Republicans say they're motivated by boosting faith in elections, not returning Trump to power or helping his allies.

For her part, Lake said last month that she would certify the 2024 election if courts did not substantiate any official election challenges. That answer runs counter to her message through much of her campaign, when she said she would not have certified the 2020 results despite courts rejecting all challenges.

Finchem said in a text message that he would certify the election "as long as all lawful votes are counted and all votes cast are under the law." He did not respond to follow-up questions about who decides if the votes were lawful or whether he would accept results of court proceedings.

Trump deposed in defamation suit filed by E. Jean Carroll

NEW YORK (AP)—Former President Donald Trump answered questions under oath Wednesday in a lawsuit filed by E. Jean Carroll, a magazine columnist who says he raped her in the mid-1990s in a department store dressing room.

The deposition gave Carroll's lawyers a chance to interrogate Trump about the assault allegations, as well as statements he made in 2019 when she told her story publicly for the first time.

Details on how the deposition went weren't immediately disclosed.

"We're pleased that on behalf of our client, E. Jean Carroll, we were able to take Donald Trump's deposition today. We are not able to comment further," the law firm representing her, Kaplan Hecker & Fink, said in a statement.

Trump has said Carroll's rape allegation is "a hoax and a lie."

His legal team worked for years to delay his deposition in the lawsuit, which was filed when the Republican was still president. A federal judge last week rejected Trump's request for another delay, saying he couldn't "run the clock out on plaintiff's attempt to gain a remedy for what allegedly was a serious wrong."

Alina Habba, an attorney representing Trump, said Wednesday, "My client was pleased to set the record straight today. This case is nothing more than a political ploy like many others in the long list of witch hunts against Donald Trump."

Carroll was to have been questioned by Trump's lawyers last Friday. Neither her attorneys nor Trump's have responded to questions about how that deposition went.

The lawyers also haven't disclosed whether Trump's deposition was done in person or remotely, over video. Trump was in Florida on Wednesday. The lawsuit is being handled in a court in New York City.

Anything Trump said during his deposition could potentially be used as evidence in an upcoming civil trial. He hasn't faced any criminal charges related to Carroll's allegations, and any prosecution is unlikely. The deadline for criminal charges over alleged sexual assaults that occurred in the 1990s has long expired.

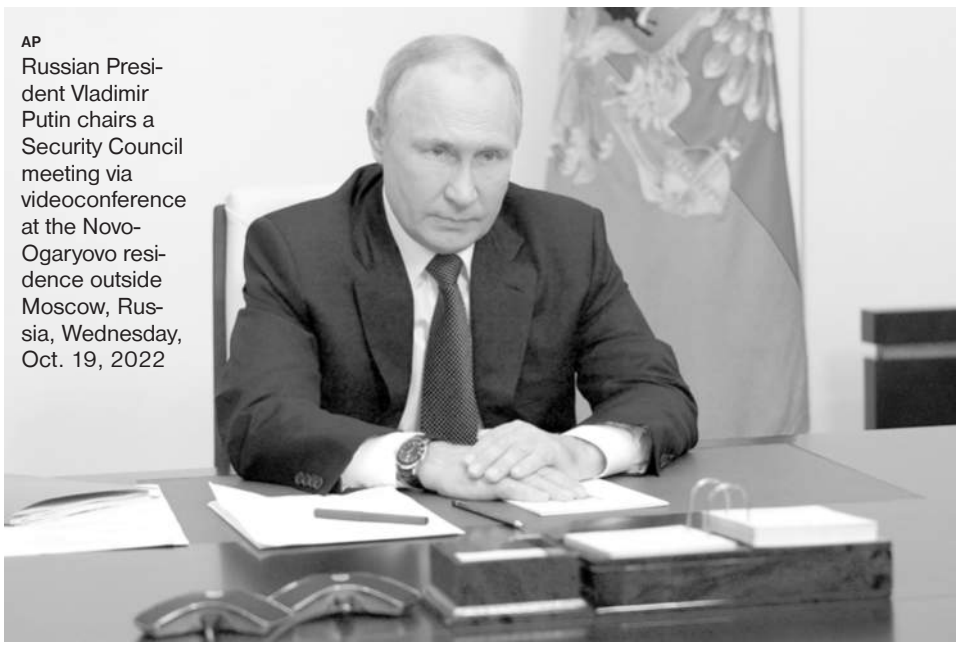
Similar legal deadlines also applied to civil lawsuits claiming sexual assault. As a result, Carroll chose to sue Trump for defamation over comments he made in 2019 when he denied any wrongdoing. She maintains that her reputation was damaged by his denials and attacks on her credibility and character.

However, New York lawmakers recently gave people a one-year window to take old sexual assault claims to civil courts. Carroll's lawyer has told the court she intends to file such a suit against Trump after that window opens in late November.

According to Carroll's account, she bumped into Trump as the two were shopping at the Bergdorf Goodman store across Fifth Avenue from Trump Tower. At the time, Carroll was on television as the host of an advice program, "Ask E. Jean."

World

Putin declares martial law



AP
Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a Security Council meeting via videoconference at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin declared martial law Wednesday in the four regions of Ukraine that Moscow annexed and gave all regional governors in Russia emergency powers that open the door for sweeping new restrictions throughout the country.

Putin didn't immediately spell out the steps that would be taken under martial law, but said his order was effective starting Thursday. His decree gave law enforcement agencies three days to submit specific proposals and orders the creation of territorial defense forces in the annexed regions.

The upper house of Russia's parliament quickly endorsed Putin's decision to impose martial law in the annexed Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions. The approved legislation indicated the declaration may involve restrictions on travel and public gatherings, tighter censorship and broader authority for law enforcement agencies.

"We are working to solve very difficult large-scale tasks to ensure Russia's security and safe future, to protect our people," Putin said in televised remarks at the start of a Security Council meeting. "Those who are on the frontlines or undergoing training at firing ranges and training centers should feel our support and know that they have our big, great country and unified people behind their back."

On Saturday, the Russian Defense Ministry said two men fired at soldiers on a military firing range near Ukraine, killing 11 and wounding 15. The ministry said two men from an unnamed former Soviet republic fired on volunteer soldiers during target practice before they were killed by return fire.

Putin didn't provide details of the extra powers the heads of Russian regions will have under his decree. However, the order states that measures envisaged by martial law could be introduced anywhere in Russia "when necessary."

According to the Russian legislation, martial law could require banning public gatherings, introducing travel bans and curfews, and conducting censorship, among other restrictions.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Putin's order doesn't anticipate the closure of Russia's borders, state news agency RIA-Novosti reported. In an apparent attempt to assuage a nervous public, regional authorities rushed to declare that no immediate curfews or restrictions on travel were planned.

UK PM Truss vows to stay, but is on brink as minister quits

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister Liz Truss described herself as "a fighter and not a quitter" Wednesday as she faced a hostile opposition and fury from her own Conservative Party over her botched economic plan. Within hours of the defiant statement, her government was teetering on the verge of collapse.

A senior member of the government left her post with a fusillade of criticism at Truss, and a House of Commons vote descended into acrimony and accusations of bullying,

Home Secretary Suella Braverman said she resigned after breaching rules by sending an official document from her personal email account. She used her resignation letter to lambaste Truss, saying she had "concerns about the direction of this government."

"The business of government relies upon people accepting responsibility for their mistakes," she said. "Pretending we haven't made mistakes, carrying on as if everyone can't see that we have made them and hoping that things will magically come right is not serious politics."

Braverman is a popular figure on the Conservative Party's right wing and a champion of more restrictive immigration policies who ran unsuccessfully for party leader this summer, a contest won by Truss.

Braverman was replaced as home secretary, the minister responsible for immigration and law and order, by former Cabinet minister Grant Shapps. He's a high-profile supporter of Rishi Sunak, the former Treasury chief defeated by Truss in the final round of the Conservative leadership race.

Truss faced more turmoil in Parliament Wednesday evening on a vote over fracking for shale gas — a practice that Truss wants to resume despite opposition from many Conservatives.

With a large Conservative majority in Parliament, an opposition call for a fracking ban was easily defeated by 326 votes to 230, but some lawmakers were furious that Conservative Party whips said the vote would be treated as confidence motion, meaning the government would fall if the motion passed.

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Life & Style

Woman testifies Danny Masterson raped, choked her in 2003

Masterson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman broke down on the witness stand Wednesday while giving graphic testimony about a 2003 night when she said she emerged from unconsciousness to find actor Danny Masterson raping her.

She is the first of three women who say Masterson raped them to testify during his Los Angeles trial. She said at one point she grabbed Masterson's hair to try to pull him away, but he shoved a pillow into her face.

"I was smothered," she said, crying. "I could not breathe."

She said she later grabbed his throat to try to push him away but he held her down and began choking her.

Asked by the prosecutor what she was thinking at the time, she replied: "That he was going to kill me. That I was going to die."

By this point she was weeping. After she said "I can't do this," the judge called for a brief break and a court victims' services advocate comforted her at the witness stand.

When she took the stand again, she testified that Masterson pulled a gun from a drawer in his bedside table and ordered her to be quiet when there was a commotion—and voices—at the door.

She said that, throughout the night, she passed in and out of consciousness despite drinking only about half of a fruity vodka drink Masterson had handed her.

Masterson, 46, who at the time was a star of the Fox TV sitcom "That '70s show," has pleaded not guilty to three counts of rape.

In brief cross-examination before the trial ended for the day, questions from Masterson's attorney Phillip Cohen suggested that he would challenge her over differences in the story she told police in 2004, which did not lead to charges for Masterson, and her testimony Wednesday.

She conceded that she omitted elements of the story at the time, "to protect people."

At a preliminary hearing last year, a previous defense lawyer for Masterson emphasized that there was no mention of a gun in the LAPD report from 2004, and contended the three women had each reframed consensual sex as rape.

The Associated Press does not name people who say they have been sexually abused unless they come forward publicly.

Lawyer: Cardi B 'humiliated' man with racy image on mixtape

Cardi B

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—A self-described family man with a distinctive back tattoo felt humiliated after Cardi B allegedly misused his likeness for her sexually suggestive mixtape cover art, his lawyer said during opening arguments Tuesday.

Kevin Michael Brophy is suing the Grammy-winning musician in a $5 million copyright-infringement lawsuit in federal court in Southern California. His attorneys say Brophy's life was disrupted and he suffered distress because of the 2016 artwork.

Brophy's lawyer A. Barry Cappello said photo-editing software was use to put the back tattoo, which has appeared in tattoo magazines, onto the male model used in the mixtape cover. The image shows a tattooed man from behind with his head between the rapper's legs. The man's face cannot be seen.

Cardi B, who is expected to testify during the trial, is fighting the allegations and said an artist used only a "small portion" of the tattoos without her knowledge. She had previously said the cover art – created by Timm Gooden—was transformative fair use of Brophy's likeness.

"Their life has been disrupted," Cappello told the jury as Cardi B, whose real name is Belcalis Almanzar, watched from the defense table. He said the image disturbed Brophy along with his wife, Lindsay Michelle Brophy, who he says initially questioned her husband if it was him in the cover art. The couple has two young children.

Brody has said he once considered his back tattoo featuring a tiger battling a serpent to be a "Michelangelo piece" that has since become "raunchy and disgusting."

Defense filings have pointed out that the model who posed for the photos was Black, while Brophy is white.

Cardi B's lawyer Peter Anderson said Brophy and the mixtape image are unrelated. He said the model did not have tattoos on his neck, which Brophy does.

"Brophy's face wasn't on the mixtape," Anderson said during his opening statement. "She was already popular. It has nothing to do with Brophy."

But Brophy contested in court that everyone who knows him believed he was on the mixtape cover. He said the offensive image was something he would never approve.

India stops journalist from flying to receive Pulitzer Prize

NEW DELHI (AP)—A Pulitzer Prize-winning Kashmiri photojournalist said Wednesday that Indian immigration authorities prevented her from flying to the United States to receive the award even though she had a valid visa and ticket.

Sanna Irshad Mattoo was scheduled to fly to New York on Monday to receive the Pulitzer Prize but was blocked by officials at New Delhi's airport, she said.

Mattoo said she was stopped without reason and her ticket was canceled.

Mattoo was working on assignment for Reuters, which won the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography for coverage of the COVID-19 crisis in India.

She said she was traveling with two colleagues who were cleared to travel while she was stopped. Mattoo said the immigration official handed her boarding pass back but did not respond when she asked repeatedly what the problem was. She was then taken to the airline counter to collect her luggage.

Mattoo said she has no idea why she was prevented from traveling. "Is it about my work? Is it something else? I should be told. The problem is I don't know what the problem is," she said.

There was no immediate comment from Indian authorities.

It was the second such experience for Mattoo, who was stopped from traveling to Paris in July for a book launch and photography exhibition as one of 10 winners of the Serendipity Arles Grant 2020. Again, Mattoo said that immigrations officials gave her no reason but told her she would not be able to travel internationally.

Netflix rebounds from recent subscriber losses with 3Q gain

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Netflix reversed its recent subscriber losses with a summertime gain that management is hoping to build upon with the upcoming launch of a cheaper version of the video streaming service that will include ads for the first time.

The Los Gatos, California, company disclosed Tuesday that it picked up 2.4 million subscribers during the July-September period, a comeback from a loss of 1.2 million customers during the first half of the year amid stiffer competition and soaring inflation that's squeezing household budgets.

Netflix now boasts 223 million subscribers, enabling the company to at least temporarily reclaim the mantle as the world's largest video streaming service. Walt Disney Co. eclipsed Netflix in August when it reported its service had 221 million subscribers, a number that will be updated Nov. 8 when Disney is scheduled to report its summertime results.

"Thank God, we are done with shrinking quarters," Netflix co-CEO Reed Hastings exclaimed in a video conference call Tuesday. "We are back to positivity."

The uptick in subscribers also helped Netflix earn $1.4 billion, or $3.10 per share, a 4% dip from the same time last year. Revenue climbed 6% from last year to $7.93 billion. The subscriber gains, earnings per share and revenue all topped analyst projections compiled by FactSet.

Netflix's shares surged by about 14% after the latest numbers came out. Even so, the stock has still lost more than half its value so far this year, reflecting worries that Netflix's best days have passed.

Woman fears ex-husband has turned daughter against her

DEAR ABBY: I was married for more than 40 years. My ex constantly badmouths me to everyone. He got to our grown daughter early during our separation, and it's clear to me she has sided with him. He's a very intelligent narcissist who manipulates people and they're not even aware of it. Our divorce took three different lawyers and cost me thousands, which was his intention. Should I open up to my daughter and try to get her to understand why I can't be around him? I don't want to alienate my only child.

FREE BUT NOT TOTALLY HAPPY

DEAR FREE: If you were married to your husband for 40 years, your daughter is no longer a child. Do not attempt to diminish her opinion of her father —simply explain why you could no longer stay married to him. If you can discuss your divorce with her and point out specific examples she may have noticed in her youth that led to your divorce, I see no reason why you shouldn't.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter and I are both immunocompromised. I have cancer; she has asthma and rheumatoid arthritis. Our doctors have advised us to not gather with crowds. We didn't attend my niece's wedding or her baby shower because nobody was masked and everyone was together. Now it seems like we have been forgotten.

We were not invited to recent holiday celebrations. My sister-in-law always sent group invites to these events, but we haven't received any. They haven't even asked us how we are. We are still not able to attend, but we would like to think we are still welcome. Am I justified in feeling this way?

EXCLUDED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR EXCLUDED: For the time being, you must accept that you won't be able to mingle with large groups. However, that doesn't mean you can't meet with small groups. To be less at risk, consider hosting some small get-togethers with vaccinated friends and relatives, and you may not feel so isolated. But please do not blame folks who know your circumstances, and whose invitations you have refused, for removing you from their guest lists for now.

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DEAR ABBY: My crush is in love with this girl. I love him, and this girl isn't right for him. I mean, she's the jealous type and totally possessive. She's telling me she's his "owner," and that after they get married, his body and everything about him is hers. I'm saying no matter what she says, he will never be hers.

You can't own a person, and you really shouldn't be with someone who's possessive because it means they're insecure, and it's not healthy for a relationship. She basically tried to make me jealous. I love him so much. I want him to be happy, but I don't think it should be with her. I need some advice.

CRUSHING IN GEORGIA

DEAR CRUSHING: You are entitled to your opinion, but as you stated, this guy is in love with her, not you. She may act possessive because she knows you want him, so she's trying to establish boundaries. If she is really as insecure as you think, there will come a point after which he may begin to feel smothered. That may be when you'll finally get your chance. For now, back off and sweeten up.

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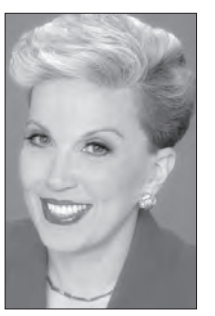

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU CAN THROW THE BALL.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
OK, I'LL STEP CLOSER.
IT'LL BE THE LAST THING YOU EVER DO, YOU FLEA FEAST!
OH YEAH? LET'S SEE IF YOU FIGHT AS BADLY AS YOU THROW!
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IT'S A GOOD THING WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT SOME OTHER TEAM!

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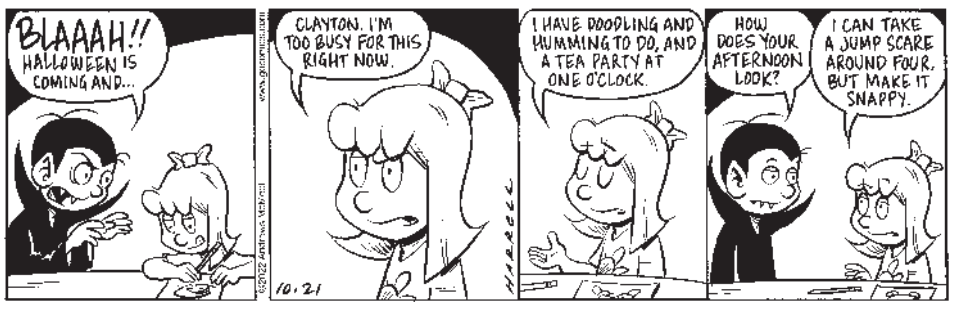
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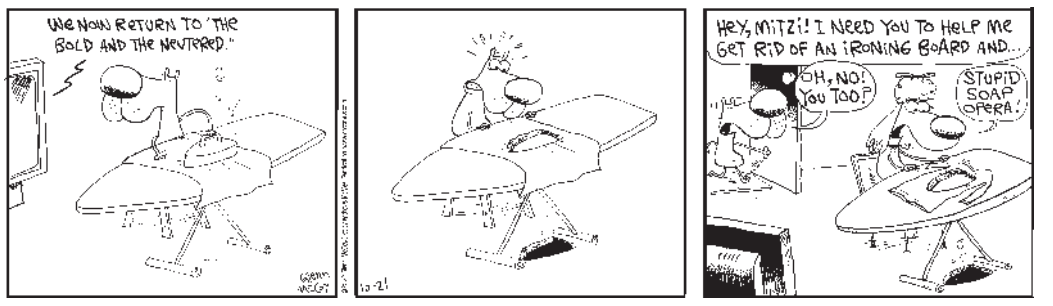
By Glenn McCoy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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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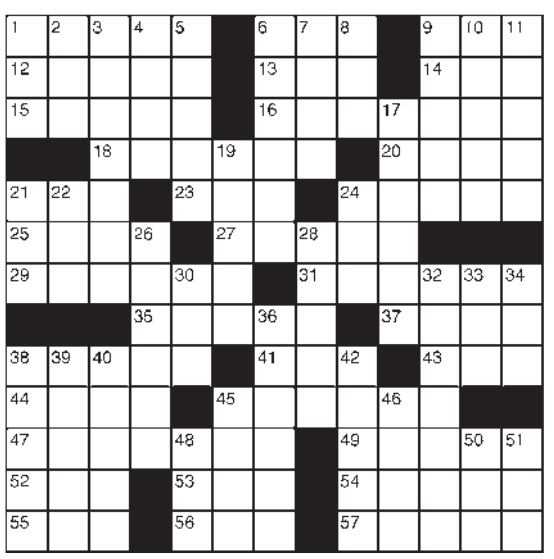

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Happy Birthday: Take responsibility for your life and happiness. Address issues that bother you, stop talking and start doing things that will put a smile on your face. Own your destiny by taking command and thinking while on the move; you'll have no regrets. When in doubt, search for alternatives and be willing to compromise to avoid a stalemate. Your numbers are 8, 15, 22, 27, 33, 35, 49.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Put some muscle behind the projects you want to complete. Hard work and dedication will pay off and give you a reason to celebrate your accomplishments. Discussions with someone you love will lead to plans that make your life less stressful. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Tidy up unfinished business and arrange to do something with someone you love. Joining forces with someone who shares your likes and dislikes will help you summarize what you need to do to bring about positive change. Mix business with pleasure. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Bypass anyone standing in your way. Stay focused on what's important to you and enjoy the moment. Leave nothing to chance regarding your reputation, success or responsibilities. Distance yourself from manipulative people. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't share too much information, or someone will find a way to use it against you. Putting pressure on someone you love or work alongside will backfire. Kindness and consideration will get you further ahead. Don't expect things to remain the same. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Turn around any situation you face with stamina, resourcefulness and a plan. Be open to new concepts and willing to learn something that encourages progress and the chance to do something that excites you. Speak up and follow through. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Embrace change and make it work for you. Be relentless in learning, preparing and making things happen the way you want. Consider how you earn your living and what type of growth you can experience heading down your chosen path. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Take a breather and relax. Once you distance yourself from situations, you will gain perspective and find solutions. Keep personal differences to yourself, and you'll protect yourself against being left out of something you want to pursue. Make love, not war.✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take part in whatever is happening around you. If you don't speak up, you won't have a say or make a difference. Handle people as individuals, and you will get help instead of interference. A financial gain is heading your way. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't rely on others to pick up where you left off. Take control, finish what you start and reap the rewards. Outside interference will be your biggest obstacle, making it necessary to handle matters safely. Personal growth is apparent. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Analyze how to make your money grow and stop others from taking advantage of you and what you have to offer. A positive change will take place at home if you invest in something that lowers your overhead and promotes a healthier environment. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* An unexpected change will leave you wondering what to do next. Don't labor over something you cannot change. Surround yourself with people who share your concerns. Self-improvement is favored. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Rethink your strategy if you know it will upset someone you love. A compassionate approach to life, love and your intentions will help convince loved ones to honor the decisions you make and to help you reach your goal. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are competitive, sophisticated and popular. You are forceful and accomplished.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Yesterday's Answer: Jaguar

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Drury, Padres rally to beat Nola, Phillies 8-5, tie NLCS 1-1

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The scrappy San Diego Padres, largely rebuilt at the trade deadline, are finding their identity at just the right time.

In danger of heading to Philadelphia down 0-2 in the NL Championship Series, the Padres produced another huge rally in front of their rowdy fans to put some punch into the all-wild card matchup.

Brandon Drury hit a go-ahead, two-run single during a five-run outburst in the fifth inning and San Diego stunned Aaron Nola and the Phillies 8-5 on Wednesday to tie the NLCS at one game apiece.

"You go into their place, which is probably going to be as spirited as ours is, down 2-0 and that's an uphill battle," said veteran manager Bob Melvin, who has brought a calming presence in his first year as San Diego's skipper.

The Padres weren't rattled when they fell behind 4-0 in the second inning after getting just one hit during a 2-0 loss in the series opener Tuesday.

"We go into Philly for three and it's a big game," Drury said. "We've got to fight and we did. It's huge."

The fifth-inning surge started with Padres catcher Austin Nola hitting an RBI single off his younger brother that brought the sellout, towel-twirling crowd of 44,607 to life. Three innings earlier, the Phillies took a 4-0 lead with a rally that included bloop hits, a sun-aided double on a gorgeous, 92-degree afternoon and some shoddy Padres defense.

AP

San Diego Padres' Brandon Drury watches his two-run single during the fifth inning in Game 2 of the baseball NL Championship Series between the San Diego Padres and the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, in San Diego.

On Saturday night, spurred by the bottom of the order, the Padres broke loose for five runs in the seventh inning of a 5-3 win that eliminated the 111-win Los Angeles Dodgers.

Wednesday's rally was similar.

"We need to continue to build that confidence," said Austin Nola, the No. 9 batter. "That's what we talked about all year. That identity is never giving up, never giving in. Every inning we're putting pressure on the other team to score and it's paying off."

Drury and Josh Bell hit back-to-back homers for the Padres, and Manny Machado went deep late.

The series shifts to Philadelphia for three games beginning Friday night. The Phillies, trying to reach their first World Series since 2009, outscored Atlanta 17-4 in two home Division Series games last weekend to dispatch the defending World Series champion Braves.

Manager Rob Thomson said the Phillies need to approach this situation like they did the NLDS.

"We went into Atlanta, won the first one, lost the second one. Disappointing game. We had a day off and came back home in front of 46,000 raucous people and played really well. I expect to do the same thing," he said.

Blake Snell got the win and Josh Hader the save after striking out the side in the ninth to send the crowd into a frenzy. Aaron Nola, in the playoffs for the first time and off to a brilliant start before Wednesday, took the loss.

The Padres, playing in their first NLCS since 1998, appeared to be in deep trouble after Snell threw 37 pitches in the Phillies' four-run second.

San Diego began its comeback with homers on consecutive pitches by Drury and Bell to open the bottom of the inning. Drury lined a shot to left field and Bell lifted a fly ball deep to right that stayed just fair.

Bell and Juan Soto, who had an RBI double in the fifth, were obtained in a blockbuster trade with Washington on Aug. 2, the same day the Padres got Drury from Cincinnati. The day before, the Padres got Hader from Milwaukee.

When Austin Nola grounded out in the second inning, it was the first pitcher-batter matchup between siblings in postseason history.

Big brother came up again in the fifth with one out and Kim Ha-seong on first base. Aaron Nola threw over several times before Austin singled to right-center to bring in the speedy Kim, who was running on an 0-2 pitch. His helmet flew off between second and third before he scored with a headfirst slide.

"It's a typical plate appearance vs. my brother. I'm 0-2," Austin Nola said. "I might as well just walk up there and tell him to put two strikes on me because that's what it feels like. I just battle. I know the kind of pitcher he is. He's not going to give in. I'm just trying to hit something hard through the middle and good things happen."

Jurickson Profar singled, Soto hit an RBI double to tie the game at 4 and Machado struck out before Aaron Nola was pulled for former Padres closer Brad Hand.

Jake Cronenworth was hit by a pitch to load the bases. With fans on their feet and waving yellow rally towels, Drury singled to put the Padres ahead. Bell capped the really with a single to right. The Padres sent 11 batters to the plate, collecting six hits, a walk and a hit batter.

Aaron Nola hadn't allowed an earned run in picking up a win in each of the first two playoff rounds.

After winning 2-0 Tuesday on Kyle Schwarber's jaw-dropping, 488-foot homer and another homer by Bryce Harper, the Phillies went ahead with small ball in the second inning Wednesday.

Snell needed only six pitches to get through a 1-2-3 first but wasn't as lucky in the second.

Harper and Nick Castellanos opened the inning with bloop singles before Alec Bohm hit a sharp single to right to bring in Harper. After Jean Segura struck out, Soto, the right fielder, lost Matt Vierling's fly ball in the sun and it dropped behind him for an RBI double.

Edmundo Sosa golfed an RBI single that landed just in front of Profar in left field. Schwarber hit a weak grounder to first that Drury bobbled before stepping on the bag as Vierling scored.

Verlander Ks 11 to lead Astros over Yankees 4-2 in ALCS

HOUSTON (AP)—Justin Verlander struck out 11 in six strong innings and Yuli Gurriel, Chas McCormick and Jeremy Peña all homered to power the Houston Astros past the New York Yankees 4-2 in their AL Championship Series opener Wednesday night.

The Astros are in their sixth consecutive ALCS, looking to reach the World Series for the fourth time in that span, against a New York team in the LCS for the first time since being eliminated by Houston in 2019.

The game was tied 1-all in the sixth when Gurriel connected off reliever Clarke Schmidt on a solo shot to the seats in left field to put Houston on top. Two batters later, McCormick sent a sinker from Schmidt into right field to make it 3-1.

Verlander set a major league record with the eighth double-digit strikeout game of his postseason career and passed Clayton Kershaw (213) to become the all-time leader in strikeouts in the playoffs with 219.

"I thought early we had our chances. I don't think he was real sharp early, but then he kind of dialed it in," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He started really executing, staying away from trouble. I thought he spun the ball really well."

New York whiffed 17 times in all to only two for the Astros — the largest difference ever in a postseason game.

"They're obviously really dynamic," Boone said. "Outstanding starting pitching, but can shorten the game with the best of 'em. So we've got to find a way to break through against them."

Peña, whose 18th-inning home run completed a sweep of the Mariners in the ALDS, belted a homer off Frankie Montas to start the seventh and extend the lead to 4-1. Montas was pitching for the first time since Sept. 16 because of a shoulder injury that kept him off the Division Series roster.

Anthony Rizzo homered off Rafael Montero with two outs in the eighth to get the Yankees within two. Giancarlo Stanton singled before Josh Donaldson walked, spurring Astros manager Dusty Baker to bring in closer Ryan Pressly.

He struck out Matt Carpenter to end the inning and pitched a 1-2-3 ninth to get the four-out save.

Carpenter, back recently from a broken foot, fanned all four times up.

After struggling in Game 1 of the ALDS against Seattle, Verlander looked shaky early in this one, giving up a second-inning homer to Harrison Bader that put the Yankees up 1-0. It was Bader's fourth home run in six playoff games — his first four long balls with New York.

But the Astros tied it in the bottom of the inning on an RBI double by Martín Maldonado.

The Astros had a few days off after eliminating Seattle on Saturday. The Yankees dealt with a quick turnaround after winning a rain-postponed Game 5 over the Guardians at home Tuesday before heading to Houston.

They had runners at second and third with one out in the third after a double by Stanton, but Verlander struck out Donaldson and Carpenter to escape the jam.

Those were the first of six consecutive strikeouts for Verlander, which matched a postseason record. It's the second time he's tied the mark after also fanning six in a row in Game 3 of the 2013 ALCS while pitching for Detroit.

Verlander didn't allow a baserunner after the third inning, retiring his last 11 batters in a row with nine strikeouts. When he struck out Carpenter to end the sixth, he pumped his fist and yelled before trotting off the field to a huge ovation from the mostly orange-clad home crowd.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner and nine-time All-Star allowed three hits and one run in his 32nd postseason start, 11th in a series opener. It was his first playoff win since 2019.

Peña doubled twice before his homer to give him seven hits this postseason. His three extra-base hits equaled a rookie record for a postseason game.

The clutch performance by Peña, who took over for Carlos Correa at shortstop this season, has helped the Astros this October as superstar Jose Altuve has struggled.

"It's everything I've dreamed of," Peña said about his first postseason. "The environment, the fans, the crowd, the preparation that goes into every game. It's fun."

Altuve, a three-time batting champion, went 0 for 3 with a walk to fall to 0 for 19 this postseason.

Stanton played left field with Aaron Hicks out for the rest of the postseason with a sprained knee he sustained in an outfield collision Tuesday. It was Stanton's first appearance in the field since July 21 and his rust showed early when he couldn't grab a fly ball that Peña hit for a double in the first.

New York starter Jameson Taillon walked Yordan Alvarez after that, but Aaron Judge robbed Bregman of a hit and saved at least one run and maybe more when he made a diving catch in right field for the second out of the inning.

Taillon yielded four hits and a run in 4 1/3 innings.

Judge was 0 for 4 with a strikeout after hitting his second home run of the postseason Tuesday.

‘Staggered’ Beach Road 5K today

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Run Saipan will host its annual Beach Road 5K today from the Oleai Bar & Grill.

Edward Dela Cruz Jr., Run Saipan president, said the event will have a staggered start and runners will be released in three waves and assigned into separate divisions.

“Waves will be based on your 5K average time. There will be a 5-minute gap in between each wave. Runners will be challenged to catch up to the waves ahead of them, however, they will be only competing between each other in their division,” he said.

Those belonging in Division 1 are runners with a 5K time of 27 minutes and higher. Division 2 will be runners with a 5K time between 22 minutes and 26:59, while runners in Division 3 are runners with a 5K time between 17 minutes and 21:59.

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Participants of last year’s Run Saipan Beach Road 5K take off from the start line near the Oleai Bar & Grill parking lot.

Sanctioned by the Northern Marianas Athletics, the event’s start line is at the Oleai Bar and Grill and show time is 5:30pm with a start time of 5:45pm.

Dela Cruz said Beach Road 5K’s staggered start is a way of leveling the playing field for all runners regardless of how fast or slow they are.

“Formerly known as the handicap format, the staggered start is so runners can run against each person at their own speed. So it’s like a race within a race. The participants will be going only against those within their divisions,” he said.

The staggered start also makes the Beach Road 5K fun as the faster runners on the latter waves can lap the slower runners in the earlier waves.

“The bonus is for the early start divisions to outrun the later ones and for the later starts to catch up and chase the early start participants. We chose Beach Road because it’s a full flat course so runners can go all out without interference.”

Dela Cruz added that a Halloween surprise awaits people participating in Friday’s race.

“It’s a surprise so people have to sign up and show up to find out which will be revealed at the race start. We didn’t choose a costume format because we are already partnering with Rotaract Club of Saipan for next Saturday’s 5K in doing a costume run with them,” he said.

After the Beach Road 5K, Run Saipan will host a happy hour at Oleia Bar & Grill for people wanting to get to know the running community on Saipan.

To register for the Beach Road 5K, copy and paste the link: https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fraceroster.com%2Fevents%2F2022%2F65677%2Frun-saipan-beach-road-5k%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2vP2-n2CcqtSSt7pEkNJz-rRLA9t0lgHc2A-baLXSLNLVs0xpzY-99O2l2g&h=AT0WxyP1yLf_crJu_0FT2Or_3fAXRGrlaz-YFnq03Byo6aKHPsMEN3L3B36Sc6bBgANIXHMicG7Ua_b3OCMnA-BvD7ba2RC-8ZOJn-F1Xevf2nCOJkn-fT-t5jFN_dBf__mD86nNA-6gw&__tn__=-UK-R&c[0]=AT2LJfJ5yqGWCkVZB6S0OS68f4moM_EqH2y6bwPwzKdbGkDxdXO0wi7p7Za PW6WwEdsyQowrK vn-JLiwqTa3whcEmEXwRyhLVuWoWsOSsIwJBttM4aoB-9VxMqFC7oMtoerN_Q0T-tas95JnVySjWiGel6VmP-pgVTaHsUGZAHpfP-bALfKx0_TY0w06YO-GEYT-rwBvsIDfSpjL3oOtikyOchIyc.

First ever Boogie Down at Obyan surf contest set

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Beachlovers and surfers are in for a treat as the Boogie Down at Obyan 2022 would be held at Obyan Beach on Dec. 10 and 11, 2022.

The bodyboarding/boogie boarding surf contest is only open to surfers 21 years old and over due to safety reasons and as it is the first ever contest. However, the beach is open to the public as the event will also feature local food vendors, local musical talent, and outreach from different organizations.

At the event itself, there will be clinics on both days for individuals who are interested in learning the sport. The clinics will be led by boat captain Frank Ramon with decades of experience in surfing and fishing who has a passion for the ocean and responsible use of the waters, and Linus Mizutani, a firefighter who also has a passion for the ocean and has been bodyboarding for two decades and also has a passion for teaching and sharing the importance of protecting the ocean.

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Local surfer Joey Tudela catches a wave during a surf session at Obyan Beach.

David Cabrera, owner of the local shop Local Bones, told *Saipan Tribune* that “there is a big surf community on the island, we just have never had the opportunity to celebrate it in this form. Back in the ’90s, there was even a thriving support in the economy for here in the shops to support water activities like surfing. We used to be able to buy quality body boards and quality surfboards on some of the surf shops here in the island and that started to decline to the point where you have to source it elsewhere.”

The 40-year-old local bodyboarder added that, “there’s a big enough community to support that sort of structure here in the economy and that’s what we want to celebrate, we want to also bring exposure to it. When I was a kid, there were kids out there with me surfing, or bodyboarding out at Obyan. And now people my age—I’m still out there [surfing] and the people coming out with me are in their 30s and 40s.”

As a conservationist with a passion for protecting the ocean, he said that “not only is this going to be a surf contest, we want to turn it into sort of a beach bash where we invite community organizations like [Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Department of Safety Boating Safety, The Talaya Club, Friends of the Mariana Trench] to give them an opportunity to engage with community members about their programs.” He said “not only do we want to promote the sport, but we want to promote responsible use of the ocean, water safety, and ocean conservation and stewardship.”

He then invites the community “to come out and witness and celebrate with us the really exciting sport of bodyboarding boogie boarding. It’s an opportunity to celebrate the local surf community and to grow the local surf community and it’s also an opportunity for us to engage with the community about responsible use of the ocean and ocean stewardship. So come out, it’s going to be a good time… Just another excuse to have a good time at the beach.

Along with Cabrera, the organizing committee of Boogie Down at Obyan includes Joe Villacrusis, co-owner of Salty Skin Pacific, who is a local community leader on the front lines of protecting the ocean and promoting a healthy lifestyle, and Edward Manibusan, who is the owner of Saipan Surf Company. He is a local bodysurfer and shares a passion for the ocean and promoting the sport of surfing in the CNMI.

To register for the competition, visit https://boogiedownobyan.com. On the website, you must click on the sign-up button and fill out the waiver/registration form and attend a mandatory orientation for all competitors on Nov. 15 at 10am at Obyan Beach.

Contact them on Instagram @boogiedownobyan, email them at obyanboogie@gmail.com, or call or text (670) 783-0754 for more information.

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1-1 draw between MPU Blue Football Club and TanHoldings Football Club.

Stephen Seo scored the lone goal for the Blue team in the 21st minute of the first half with no follow up, and TanHoldings scored their only goal toward the end of the game made by Emerson Brillo.

Results from Week 4 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 U13 girls competitive division will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune.*

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taking the sport more seriously since the pandemic,” he said.

When asked what was his best hole during the one-day 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Nicholas narrowed it down to hole No. 4.

“Well, it was a birdie-less game for me. I guess that’s why I won. But the hole that sticks out for me was probably hole No. 4. I shot a double bogey the hole before and my confidence was quite down. When I started hole No. 4, I was scrambling and I managed to secure a par. So that assured me that I could still save par despite how bad I started the hole,” he said.

Nicholas, who plans to to save his $500 winnings, said he wants to dedicate his victory to everyone who has supported his golf hobby all these years.

“Honestly, I dedicate it to those who believe in me. My family, my friends, everyone. This sport can really challenge you mentally and I got people who support me and want me to get better. Huge shout out to the Sakati Golf Crew!”

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B of the women’s league. The rest of the teams that make up the division include Matansa FC, Shirley’s FC, and Paire FC.

Division A includes Southern United FC, Paire FC, MPU FC, and Shirley’s FC.

Matansa FC 2, Shirley’s FC 1

Matansa Football Club snatched the win away from Shirley’s FC, 2-1.

Vianca Mangulabnan from Matansa scored the game’s first goal to make it 1-0 in the 14th minute. Silence reigned in the next few minutes, but Shirley’s Werlly Breakenridge tied it up in the 25th minute.

It was still anybody’s ballgame with the second half yet to come, then in the 34th minute, Elna Curate of Matansa scooped the ball into the goal to steal the win away from Shirley’s, 2-1.

MPU FC 1, Paire FC 0

MPU Football Club managed to put a goal up against Paire Football Club for the win, 1-0.

In what seemed to be an almost scoreless draw, Dustian Faisao of MPU found the back of the net in the 37th minute for the W as Paire were silenced.

DIVISION A
Paire FC 2, MPU FC 0

In Division A, Paire Football Club defeated MPU Football Club, 2-0, last Saturday.

Crickets chirped in the first half as both teams failed to score, then in the 38th minute, Michelle Masga scored the first goal for Paire. She was followed by teammate Pyper Liske-Clarke in the 50th minute, which was enough for the win as MPU had no chance at the goal.

Southern United FC 2, Shirley’s FC 0

Southern United Football Club blanked Shirley’s Football Club, 2-0, also last Saturday.

Haidee Mendoza scored the first goal five minutes into the game and the first half came and went without additional goals from either team. Keisha Deleon Guerrero put up the final and second goal 45 minutes in the second half which was enough for the win.

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Nicholas tops Charity Golf tourney

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Cameron Nicholas, sixth from left, collects his first place certificate and prize money at the FILCOM Pavilion during the awards ceremony last Saturday of the Saipan Pacific Lions Club and Fil-Taga Golfers Association's 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

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Former Little League all-star turned weekend golfer Cameron Nicholas topped last Saturday's Saipan Pacific Lions Club and Fil-Taga Golfers Association 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Coral Ocean Resort.

The 30-year-old Legislative Bureau staff carded a net score of 69.20 to beat over 60 participants of the double peoria competition.

Joe Torres came second with his 70.20 net, which was the same score garnered by Laolao Bay Golf & Resort resident pro Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho. The former, however, edged the many time national golfer via scorecard tiebreaker.

Rounding out the Top 5 were Ed Manglona and Wil Maui, who fired 71 and 71.40 net scores, respectively.

Nicholas took home $500 for winning it all, while Torres, Camacho, Manglona, and Maui settled for the consolation prizes of $400, $300, $200, and $100, respectively.

In the low gross competition, Joe Sasamoto (73) and Sarah Lim (98) topped the men's and women's fields. They both pocketed $100.

Nicholas said winning the tournament was the farthest thing from his mind when he woke up last Saturday morning.

"I was in total shock. It was double peoria, a format I am not fully familiar with. So it was a surprise that I won. I've been playing on and off for about 16 years with my dad and brothers. But I've been

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Matansa U13 boys wins 1st game of youth soccer league

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Matansa Football Club U13 boys redeemed themselves in their Week 4 match against Shirley's FC by silencing them, 5-0, for their first win in the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Saturday at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

They bounced back from their loss against MPU Blue in Week 3 and came into this game with renewed vigor, finding the back of the net just two minutes into the game, made by Yutaka Kadokura.

Shirley's attempts at the net were to no avail as their goose egg on the board was unbroken through the whole game. Meanwhile, Matansa's Anton Megino scored a goal not once or twice, but four times, completing the hat-trick and then some for the final score of 5-0 as Shirley's went goalless.

The win brought Matansa's to 1-2, while Shirley's remained winless in three games.

Kanoa FC 4, MPU FC Pink 2

Kanoa Football Club continued their winning streak with their victory over MPU Football Club Pink, 4-2. Kanoa is currently undefeated with three wins and MPU Pink is at one win and two losses.

It was a quiet first half as both teams were evenly matched, with neither able to get close to the net. The first goal did not register until the 28th minute by MPU Pink's Theo Joab. That goal woke Kanoa up as they retaliated quickly to tie it up in the 32nd minute, with a goal made by Gil Rooney. Kanoa took the lead right away as Rooney scored a goal again just three minutes later for a 2-1 game.

Maximus Taitano from Kanoa then extended the lead by torching through the defenses for a 3-1 game. MPU watched the game slowly slip away, but Joab scored one more goal to bring them up closer, 3-2. However, it was all over as Taitano stole the win as he scored the fourth and final goal right after, for the final score of 4-2.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Matansa U13 boys team (yellow) won against Shirley's, 5-0, during their match in the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Saturday in the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

MPU Blue FC 1, TanHoldings 1

In the third U13 match up of the day, the game ended in a

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Scoreless draw for TanHoldings FC, Kanoa FC in women's soccer

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TanHoldings Football Club and Kanoa Football Club ended their first game of the season in a scoreless draw in the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division of the 2022 Dove Women's League last Friday at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Neither team was able to break through the other's barriers as the clock ticked its final seconds, for the game result of 0-0.

Both teams are in Division

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
TanHoldings Football Club poses for a group photo during their game against Kanoa Football last Friday in the Dove Women's League Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) B Division.